

**Time to change**

Daylight Savings Time ends Oct. 29. Set clocks back one hour Saturday at bedtime for an extra hour of sleep.

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Haunting post

BOSS haunted house adds fright to Halloween on Fort Riley.

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**Gate hours to change**

Post gate hours will be realigned beginning Nov. 1, announced Col. Thomas Smith, Fort Riley garrison commander.

The Ogden, Henry and Trooper gates will be manned 24 hours a day, seven days a week said Ray Coffey of the post Provost Marshal's Office. Visitors can be logged in at all three gates.

He said that 12th Street gate will be closed on weekends and at 2 p.m. during the week, affecting the work force in the Funston area.

Other changes include:

- The Grant Avenue gate will be closed on weekends and at 9 p.m. during the week.
- The Rifle Range Road gate will be open only from 5 to 9 a.m. Monday through Friday.

Estes gate hours will not change, Coffey said.

The vehicle registration office will be open at the Henry Drive gate from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. It is closed on weekends and holidays.

Around the Army**Korea:**

The Pacific Stars and Stripes reported Oct. 25 that a Camp Casey mail clerk had been jailed for stealing debit cards to gamble. The U.S. Army sergeant received a four-month jail sentence, reduction to pay grade E-1, forfeiture of all pay and a bad conduct discharge.

For more on this story and other U.S. military news in the Pacific and European theaters, visit www.estripes.com on the Web.

Fort Knox:

The Turret reported Oct. 19 that Fort Knox Knox was presented the Secretary of the Army award for energy conservation Oct. 13.

Representatives from the post also were in the nation's capitol Oct. 5 to receive the Federal Emergency Management award from the Department of Energy.

For more on this story and other Fort Knox, Ky., news, visit www.thenewsenquirer.com/turret/ on the Web.

Stay in Step with Fort Riley

See what's happening on Fort Riley. Tune in to Fort Riley cable channel 2 every day at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. or watch "In Step with Fort Riley" at 5 a.m. every Saturday and at 11 a.m. most Saturdays on WIBW TV, Channel 13.

This week's show, which runs on WIBW TV Oct. 28 and on the post's cable channel 2 Oct. 30 through Nov. 5, includes:

- Ret. Gen. Richard Myers' visit to post
- 1st Battalion, 1st Aviation's Family Day
- Det. E, 15th PSB's, homecoming
- 70th Engineer Battalion deployment information
- The post's Hispanic Heritage observance
- A feature on Chester V, the mascot

Chief of staff looks at training

Schoomaker observes 4th IBCT rail loading

By Laura Stroda
The Daily Union

A week before most Soldiers in the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division will leave for a 30-day rotation at the National Training Center, they received words of encouragement from the Army's highest-ranking commander.

Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker visited Fort Riley's Camp Funston Oct. 19 to speak with Soldiers as they loaded rail

cars with equipment that will go with the brigade to Fort Irwin, Calif.

"All of you, I'm very, very proud to serve beside you," Schoomaker said. "I just want to say how much we all respect what it is that you're doing. Do it well. Keep your head into the game here. Pay attention and take care of each other."

While 4th IBCT currently has no deployment orders pending, a training rotation at the NTC puts them in the pool of units available for Army commanders to tap for a

tour in Iraq or Afghanistan. Schoomaker said it is important that Soldiers and the nation do not lose sight of the goal.

"This fight that we're in, it's challenging ... it's one that's going to require us to maintain our continued commitment and focus that we've got to make sure that we stand up as long as the nation wants us to stand up," he said. "This isn't the first time the Army has led our nation through these kind of tough times."

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Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker talks with 4th IBCT Soldiers loading equipment on rail cars at Fort Riley for shipment to the NTC at Fort Irwin, Calif.

4th IBCT/Timmons

Commo-wise



4th IBCT Photo

Soldiers of the 4th IBCT Signal Co. erect a communications antenna at Fort Riley, practicing for their exercise at the National Training Center.

Signal Company keeps lines open

By Maj. Kirk Luedeke
4th IBCT Public Affairs

With the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team on its way to the desert of the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., one company of the Brigade's Special Troops Battalion will be there to make sure that the lines of communication stay open.

Company C, or the "Cobras" as it is bet-

ter known, is the brigade's Signal Company, and the Soldiers have had an extremely busy year fielding the advanced digital and communications systems of the modern combat fighting force. These Soldiers are some of the quintessential behind-the-scenes operators who don't attract much attention when they do their jobs well.

"Our mission is to provide communication support for the brigade and to support the warfighters," said Capt. Kolinn L. Taylor, Co. C commander. "We do it with FM, we have satellites that provide beyond-

line-of-sight communication ability and we also have traditional lines of communication via line of sight."

Taylor said that the first Soldiers in his company arrived in June 2005. By November there were about 20 troops assigned. Even as recently as April 2006, the "Cobras" only had about 30 Soldiers total, and having to field new equipment and execute the required training proved to be a challenge. This became especially true,

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New ad strategy attracts recruits

Campaign uses 'strong' public appeal

By Lt. Col. Wayne Shanks
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The new "Army Strong" recruiting ad campaign kicks off in early November. The Army's recruiting advertising contract, managed by McCann Worldgroup, commits up to \$200 million in 2007 to market the Army to potential recruits.

The contract covers the full range of marketing efforts to include ad development and the purchase of time and space for television, radio, print and online ads.

The price tag represents a significant investment, but by way of perspective, the Army's \$200 million budget is not large enough to rank within the top 100 U.S. marketers. According to industry publications, Advertising Age and Adweek, the world's largest companies spend much more on advertising. For example, Procter & Gamble spends about \$4.6 billion annually on advertising and promotion alone. Similarly, Walt Disney spends nearly \$2 billion on advertising and promotion, while Target and J.C. Penney each spend more than \$1 billion.

The Army's marketing campaign is a continuous effort that helps connect America to America's Army and its Soldiers who demonstrate what it means to be "Army Strong." The advertising

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'Gunfighters' fire missiles

1st Bn., 1st Avn., pilots 'fire up' post ranges

By Spc. Stephen Baack
1st Inf. Div. PAO

Since the inception of the 1st Infantry Division's Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Riley's ranges have been experiencing a new visitor — the AH-64D Apache Longbow. This aircraft has not only been proving itself on the range complexes here, but has been validating Fort Riley's ability to pro-

vide realistic training to the unit's aviators.

"Lethal and agile" teams of two Apaches circled the skies of Fort Riley Oct. 14 to unleash AGM-114C Hellfire missiles and 2.75-inch rocket multi-purpose sub-munitions (MPSM) onto targets spread across the post's range complex.

The aerial gunnery exercise comprised four teams of two Apache crew members, and was

an extension of the Table VIII qualification for 1st Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment.

"What we're doing is a Hellfire shoot along with rockets," said Lt. Col. Michael Mahoney, the battalion commander. "Initially, it is teams setting up racetrack patterns and shooting continuous fires into the engagement area, which takes a little bit of finesse

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1st Inf. Div./Baack

Lt. Col. Michael Mahoney, commander of 1st Bn., 1st Avn., updates Maj. Gen. Carter Ham (left), 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley commanding general, at Observation Point B on the battalion's training during aerial gunnery Oct. 14.





A guide signals the driver of a truck as he moves forward on a railcar that will haul it to Fort Irwin, Calif., where 4th IBCT Soldiers will use it during training at the NTC.

4th IBCT/Timmons



Soldiers in 4th IBCT gather at the Fort Riley rail yard to load equipment headed for the NTC in California.

4th IBCT/Timmons

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The 4th IBCT is a charter unit in the Army's most significant restructuring since World War II. The reorganization makes brigades lighter and leaner. The support battalion and reconnaissance units help make the brigade self-sustaining.

The "Dragon" Brigade was activated just 10 months ago in a ceremony at Fort Riley. For the Army to select its newest brigade for an NTC rotation with just 30 days notice and before the end of its training year speaks highly of its confidence in the brigade, said Lt. Col. Jim Crider, commander of the 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment.

"I think it speaks a great deal to our confidence and the training that we've gotten to do here at Fort Riley. We've gotten a tremendous amount of support from the local community, from the officials in the division, with the land and ammunition and opportunities to train. It's been fantastic," he said. "So we are more than ready to go to the National Training Center."

The Mojave Desert will prepare Soldiers for what life is like "in the box" should they be deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan,

Crider said. While at the NTC, the brigade will go through a rigorous training regimen — from situational exercises to live-fire ops. The training will culminate with a week-long, round-the-clock operation that will test the brigade's ability to communicate and accomplish its objective.

"This is really an opportunity to get training like we can't get anywhere else in the Army. They have a committed opposing force there that does (training) full time. They have contracted Iraqis who will force us to work through interpreters and work through the language barriers."

They also have observer/controllers there who are essentially down in our unit to coach us through tactics, techniques and procedures to help us get ready (for a deployment), Crider said. "After a month at the National Training Center, we'll be a whole different unit with a lot of experiences that we won't be able to get here otherwise."

Huge undertaking

Loading up 3,000 troops — essentially the entire brigade — and all of their equipment to trav-

el halfway across the nation is no small task. Soldiers started loading the brigade's vehicles and equipment onto rail cars at Camp Funston Oct. 17.

"Everything's going as planned, it's really pleasing for everybody. We just want to make sure that it continues to go smooth," said Staff Sgt. William Williams, 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment.

He expected the brigade to wrap up its rail load Oct. 19.

"This loading procedure can stretch from 7 a.m. to 2100 (9 p.m.)," Williams said.

Dick Wollenberg, installation transportation officer, was overseeing the rail load operation. Troops can load about 200 rail cars in 12 hours, each of those cars with three to four pieces of equipment, he said.

With that much equipment and so many Soldiers required to properly load it, the operation is not only time-consuming, but expensive as well, Wollenberg said.

"What we originally had planned here was almost 300 rail cars. We've managed that very intensively," Wollenberg said. "The computer says it's going to

take us 315 rail cars to do this. Right now, we're down to around 250 rail cars. That's about \$5,000 a rail car that's moving between here and (Fort Irwin)."

"So it's important for the people out there to know there's somebody out here who's looking to make sure that the money is spent wisely and that we're doing everything we can to conserve those dollars that are critically short right now," he said.

Soldiers don't generally join the Army to become railroad workers, but it's an important skill they need to learn, Wollenberg said.

"Since OIF (Operation Iraqi Freedom) began, we've got almost 9,000 rail cars worth of equipment out of here that have been sent to various locations," he said. "So it's an important skill that they need to learn. They need to be comfortable up on rail cars. They need to be comfortable moving their equipment around because they're going to do it someplace else."

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Taylor said, when his troops spent upwards of 10 weeks in certain courses and were asked not only to be familiar with the gear but to be able to make it work and fix problems as they occurred.

One event that helped the "Cobra" Soldiers prepare for a 10-day brigade field exercise in October and their subsequent NTC deployment was a digital exercise, or DIGEX, conducted in late August.

"Everything was systematic in how it progressed," Taylor said of the event that tested many systems never before seen at Fort Riley.

"Some of it was new equipment training by the project managers. Then there was a confidence exercise which kind of meshed everything together, and then a two-day switching exercise.

"So when the DIGEX came around, there were challenges, but we were able to work everything out," he said.

The company is responsible for the synchronization and connectivity of the brigade's modern command and control systems, all of which combine to make the unit "digital" and able to process and disseminate critical information across the entire battlefield.

Taylor credited Chief Warrant Officer Brent Nylen with being a critical piece of his company's success especially when deployed in a field environment.

Nylen, the brigade's network operations officer in charge, is the subject matter expert on the new technology, and often serves as the primary action officer to address problems with the equipment encountered by the various battalions within the brigade.

"I just basically provide all the communications assets in regard to the wide area network, internet access - secure and nonsecure, and to provide all the (communications) services you would have in a garage environment here in the field," Nylen said.

Nylen said that the new equipment training provided a good overview of the systems, but could not account for the various quirks and shortcomings that the "Cobra" Soldiers

encountered when using the technology in the field for the first time. He also said that because most of the equipment is new, even the company's most recent graduates of advanced individual training and officer basic courses had not seen any of it until it was fielded over the summer.

Nylen credited his NCO's and Soldiers with being able to identify glitches and issues and work through them, allowing some of the setbacks to become transparent to the brigade and battalion staffs who depend on those systems to conduct business.

"A lot of guys in my section (deserve recognition) for setting up the network, designing it and basically troubleshooting if something is out, monitoring it and pushing the guys to figure out what's wrong, and then working to resolve the issues so we can actually communicate," he said.

Nylen estimated the company can get all communications equipment and systems up and running at the brigade main tactical operations center, or TOC in about four hours. However, he said, with time and experience, that standard will improve.

Building on their experience at NTC will be a challenge since 4th IBCT will only be the second brigade to execute a rotation with all of the new digital TOC systems.

While Taylor and his leaders understand that there will be setbacks and bumps in the road as they continue to train and integrate the complex technology into the brigade's daily battle rhythm, he was encouraged by his Soldiers' first big test in the field.

"There's an unofficial motto in the Signal Corps that says: 'You can talk about us, but you can't talk about us,'" Taylor said during the 4th IBCT FTX earlier this month. "Usually, if someone's talking about us, it means we're not doing the right things. So, since nobody's really talking about us, I'm proud that the Soldiers are doing their jobs well. If there are complaints, then it means there are issues to resolve."



1st Inf. Div./Back

"Lethal and agile" teams of AH-64 Apache Longbows circle the skies of Fort Riley Oct. 14 to unleash AGM-114C Hellfire missiles and 2.75-inch rocket multi-purpose sub-munitions (MPSM) onto targets spread across the post's range complex during the gunnery exercise for 1st Bn., 1st Avn. Regt.

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and timing - and a lot of communications between crew members."

Each aircraft was allotted 38 2.75-inch rockets and two Hellfire missiles at a time. Once near the target, each rocket - not to be confused with the Hellfire missiles - creates an airburst composed of nine explosive munitions. The MPSM-version the battalion used releases six inert munitions and three flash-bangs.

During the Hellfire portion of the training, crew members used what members of the battalion refer to as the "low-ball" technique that makes use of a separate firer and target identifier.

"Two aircraft are traveling in team formation," Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Boyle, battalion safety noncommissioned officer for 1st Bn., 1st Avn., said of the "low-ball" technique.

"One helicopter will identify the target with the on-board laser identifier, and the second aircraft will shoot the Hellfire off the rail.

As the Hellfire leaves the rail, it comes up and it has a seeker on the front of the Hellfire, and it tracks on that laser designator, identifies the target and rides in

on the target," he said.

"(One helicopter crew) can have the sister ship release to him, and it's fired by one helicopter, but it's controlled by the other," further explained Ken Neff, range safety specialist for range control.

"It's still classified as a direct fire."

"If you've got two aircraft and one has better visibility, then he can do that so they don't have to switch positions," added Neff.

"The Hellfire missile can be guided from the ground, from another helicopter, or from the individual helicopter," said Boyle. "Doing it in two teams, one can positively identify the target and the other one can engage and not necessarily have ... identification on the target."

Before a single shot is fired, the ground maneuver commander provides the Apache crews surveillance and intelligence on the enemy, and then provides them an update on the location of friendly forces.

"Training today is very good," added Boyle. "We're transitioning from crawling to walking. Things are slow today with the Hellfire missiles but precise. Per-

fect practice makes perfect."

"These guys have been hitting the target," said Mahoney. "You can watch the effects - devastating effects on targets all day from those missiles."

While the CAB may still be building up its resources and personnel, Mahoney said they are nonetheless improving their skills ahead of time for their slated deployment next year.

"We're getting at it early so we can get better at it come this new year," said Mahoney. "We're going to be back in March and April, and we expect to have a leg up and only get better over time."

Mahoney calls those Soldiers who moved from Fort Campbell, Ky., to Fort Riley with him his "Core 30," as 30-percent of his unit from the 101st Infantry Division (Air Assault) are now part of the CAB. Most of them, he says, deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom I and III and have a lot of combat experience.

"Those are the guys you're seeing shoot today," he said.

Next week the battalion is scheduled to continue its team training, only this time working on an unusual technique with rockets known as bumping.

"Normally you do running fire and diving fire as we already did. Now we're going to do running fire, typical of Iraq - 200-300 feet - with a bump to get inter-visibility with the target and shoot their rockets into the engagement area," said Mahoney. "That will be more Iraq-like training."

"I think when we fly, Soldiers (on the ground) don't die," Mahoney said of Apache crews deployed to Iraq. "You can't measure deterrence. Most times though, if we're flying and we're conducting convoy security missions, nobody messes with those vehicles."

"And the reason is because one, we will either deter them, or two, if anyone does pop up and show their ugly head, then they won't be in existence anymore to bother the next guys coming through," he said.

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Captain keeps 'running' toward Army future

2nd Bn., 34th Armor, officer credits men, commanders, medical specialists for chance

Editor's note: Kansas State University visual-journalism students spent part of the 2006 spring semester reporting on Fort Riley in expansion and at war. This is one of the stories resulting from that assignment.

By Melissa Baier

Kansas State University

1st Lt. John Morgan briefed his men before they loaded into their "Humvees" to patrol the area.

They'd had trouble with numerous improvised explosive devices in this region, and they needed to make sure the road was clear.

They were in Kahnbadisahn, just 10 miles from Baghdad, on that October night. After dodging IEDs for a month, Morgan didn't think this patrol would be any different.

In a few hours, busloads of Iraqi women and children would be traveling the same roads en route to voting sites to approve the new constitution.

They would be easy targets,

and the U.S. military knew that.

Morgan's thick Alabama accent crackled through the radio as he directed the platoon. They had to scan for IEDs and secure their sector a mile at a time, just a mile at a time.

BAM!

Morgan's orders were cut short as an explosion echoed through the night.

Morgan's vehicle had triggered a pressure switch and an IED exploded only 3 feet away.

Morgan had been in the military since he was 17. He had the training and the discipline, but not the timing.

As the explosive detonated, it shot three projectiles through the vehicle. One went through the window, blowing off Morgan's ballistic safety glasses and peppering his face with fragments and debris.

Another went through the door, creating a grapefruit-sized hole and with enough power to cut Morgan in half. Fortunately, as it went through the door, the projectile was deflected forward, taking out the radio equipment.



The third projectile ripped through the "Humvee's" floor, tearing off Morgan's right calf and fibula, a leg bone. The rifle sitting between Morgan's legs was fragmented and blown through his left leg, severing his Achilles tendon.

Stirred sand and dust filled the air. It was impossible to see what was happening, who was still alive and how to get to them.

The "Humvee" smoldered. Morgan's legs were on fire, but the blast had blown in the door. As Morgan clawed at it, the heat melted his glove, and he could smell singing hair.

The "Humvee" had gone from armored protection to a fiery death trap.

Two Soldiers, Spcs. Phillip Anderson and Robert Davis, were able to get out of the vehicle. They ignored their own injuries and pried the door open with their rifles to get to their lieutenant.

As they pulled Morgan from the wreckage, a medic quickly started an IV, applied a tourniquet and covered his legs. Morgan had already lost three units of blood, and Gilligan feared the sight of his burned and mutilated legs would send him into shock.

Morgan laid in the dirt in excruciating pain, and the medic apologized that there wasn't any morphine to ease his suffering.

The medic glanced in his bag at his fully stocked supply of morphine, but he knew Morgan's blood pressure was too low, and he couldn't survive the morphine.

First Sgt. David Angelie called in a Black Hawk helicopter for help. The Soldiers were trying to stay calm for Morgan. He was trying to stay calm for them.

"It hurts like hell. How bad is it, colonel?" Morgan asked his commanding officer, Col. Oscar Hall IV.

"You'll get some stitches and be back in two weeks, Hall said. Morgan was convinced he was going to be fine.

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Within six minutes of the call, the helicopter landed and medics quickly loaded Morgan into the chopper. It was then that Morgan truly got scared. He was alone for the first time in 10 and a half months. He trusted his men to take care of him, but they weren't with him any longer.

Morgan had lost so much blood he was incoherent and didn't realize two Soldiers from his vehicle were also onboard for medical attention. There hadn't been any fatalities in the initial explosion, but it was too soon to tell if everyone would survive their injuries.

In flight to an Army field hos-

pital in Balat, Iraq, Morgan's tourniquet came loose, and he began to bleed again. Fortunately, the medic noticed the problem and quickly reapplied the tourniquet. Morgan knew the problem with tourniquets – a victim usually loses the limb.

"Is there any way you can loosen it up?" Morgan asked. "I don't want to lose my leg."

The medic looked directly at Morgan. I'm just trying to keep you alive, he said.

It was then that Morgan realized his injuries were much more serious than he'd been led to believe.

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After the Black Hawk landed in Balad, nurses and doctors rushed Morgan into surgery. Medics had cut off most of Morgan's pants, and the nurses quickly cut off the rest of his clothing to prepare him for surgery.

A nurse asked him if he had any piercings below the waist.

Morgan, practically delirious from blood loss, said, "I'll never tell!" before he passed out.

Morgan woke from his first surgery and searched for someone – anyone. He began to panic and called out.

A nurse quickly came to his side and took his hand.

His eyesight was still blurred from the drugs, but her voice was soothing, and he was at ease when he realized he wasn't alone.

After a while, the doctor came to check on Morgan.

"When am I going to go back to my unit?" Morgan asked. His legs were bandaged, and Morgan still hadn't seen them to know how serious the injury was.

The doctor knew that Morgan was stable, but could easily go into shock, so he downplayed the severity of Morgan's wounds.

You'll be back in no time, the doctor said. In about two weeks, we'll send you back to your unit.

The doctor administered more drugs, and Morgan drifted back to sleep.

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Morgan slowly came out of his drug-induced haze and realized he was on an airplane and had no idea what was going on.

"Where am I at?" Morgan asked a passing nurse.

You're on the way to Germany, she said.

"Germany! I'm supposed to go back to my unit in two weeks. What the hell am I doing in Germany?"

The nurse had no answers, and all Morgan had were more questions. He only hoped he could get the truth in Germany.

As soon as Morgan landed in Germany, he was taken in for two more emergency surgeries.

Between surgeries, Morgan had the chance to think about the incident that had brought him there, and to relive it in his dreams.

Morgan frequently woke up screaming from the latest rendition of the nightmare that continued to haunt him.

A nurse sat close beside him and held his hand until his panic ceased and the memories faded.

After a week, Morgan was stable enough to fly to Brooke Army Medical Center in Texas. Once there, he would go through another five surgeries while doctors debated about whether they could save his legs.

To keep Morgan's legs, doctors inserted wound vacuum assisted closures, machines threaded through damaged vessels and arteries to pump blood and keep limbs alive.

Morgan had wound VACs in both of his legs and IVs in both of his arms. He was practically naked because nurses couldn't risk dressing him with all the tubes running to various

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campaign is one important component of this recruiting effort.

"The Army is fighting a tough recruiting battle and must do all it can to make the U.S. Army message distinctive and powerful, and then deliver that message in ways that reach eligible recruits and those who care about them," said Lt. Gen. Robert Van Antwerp, commander of U.S. Army Accessions Command. "The 'Army Strong' campaign aims to demonstrate the value of Army service and being a Soldier."

The advertising contract reaches out to prospective recruits by supporting recruiting efforts in local communities as well as

through direct mail, marketing, public relations and community events. It also funds the Army's extensive online presence at goarmy.com and other Web-based activities.

The contract also funds national sponsorships that help to drive awareness and interaction with the Army, such as sponsored drivers with NASCAR and NHRA, and sponsored athletes who compete in professional bull riding and arena football.

These efforts attract individuals to active and reserve components, to the Reserve Officer Training Corps, and to special missions such as the medical and

legal professions, and the chaplaincy.

The Army currently faces a unique recruiting environment given that the nation is at war. Each year, the Army must recruit more new Soldiers than all the other military services combined. Only three out of every 10 people in the U.S. meet the Army's high standards that qualify them to enlist.

This 30 percent is the same group being recruited by other services as well as civilian corporations at a time when the unemployment rate in the U.S. is relatively low.

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Riley Roundtable

This week's question:

What did you find to be valuable at the Fort Riley Retiree Appreciation Day Oct. 20?



"The unity of the people. The sharing of experiences, and many had very similar stories."

Joyce Allen
Soldier's daughter and widow
Home: Manhattan



"The speakers were excellent this year. They had a lot of good information."

Laura Lee Cross
Husband retired in 1967
Home: Manhattan, Kan.



"The best information we got was about veterans benefits. It's good to be updated every year."

Lazone Grays
Retired in 1962
Home: Manhattan, Kan.



"One of the best things is the health fair. They even have doctors here to answer questions."

Charles Pfannenstiel
Retired in 1990
Home: Chapman, Kan.



"There was more information this year. (Maj.) Gen. (William M. Jr., retired) Matz had some very good information on new legislation affecting veterans."

Connie Protsman
Husband served
with 1st Infantry Division
Home: Nebraska

Letters to the editor:

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By Col. Thomas T. Smith
Garrison Commander

Halloween lurks around the corner, and little ghosts and goblins will soon haunt the Fort Riley area streets for trick or treats.

The tradition of wearing costumes comes from early European and Celtic customs where costumes were worn to ward off evil spirits. Today, the right costume can help ward off accidents.

It is important to select a costume made from non-flammable or flame-retardant materials and short enough not to become a tripping hazard. Costumes and treat bags should be light in color or made with reflective materials.

If a mask is worn, it should have nose and mouth holes to provide adequate ventilation and



Col. Thomas T. Smith

large eye-holes that do not hinder visibility.

If makeup is used, select a brand that is made with U.S. approved color additives and is non-toxic.

Knives and swords and other costume accessories should be made of cardboard or flexible materials to prevent puncture wounds or injuries.

Parents have an enormous role in ensuring the safety of their children. Keeping Halloween safe does not have to be a trick if the following tips are kept in mind:

- Before trick-or-treaters embark on their night of haunting fun, parents should know what route their children will take and who will accompany them.

- Children should be encouraged to travel in familiar areas, carry a flashlight, only visit houses that are well lit and never enter houses of people they do not know.

- An adult or older youth should supervise young children at all times.

- To prevent encountering hazards that might cause trips and falls, the leading causes of Halloween-related injuries, instruct children to never cut across yards. Instead, they should use sidewalks when traveling from house to house. If a sidewalk is not available, they should walk, not run, on the left side of the road where approaching traffic is

visible.

- After trick-or-treaters return home, parents should inspect all goodies for anything suspicious. Wash and cut all fruit into small slices. Items that cause doubt should be disposed of properly.

Motorists have an important role in Halloween safety, too. Operators must watch for children in dark costumes and for pedestrians around driveways, sidewalks, parked cars and in the street.

Halloween can be a good time if safety is foremost. Parents, motorists and little ghosts and goblins all play an integral part in keeping Halloween safe.

Please follow the safety tips mentioned throughout this message, and remember the time on Fort Riley for trick or treat is 5:30 to 8 p.m. Oct. 31.

Have a safe Halloween.

Command message

Commanding general comments on post change

By Maj. Gen. Carter Ham
Commanding General,
1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley

Fall is a season of change and that is most certainly evident nearly everywhere you look at Fort Riley. In almost every part of our great installation, you can see growth, new construction and change. From new family housing to our new division headquarters and from the deployment of so many of our Soldiers to the many hundreds who are new arrivals - change is, indeed, in the air.

Soldiers, family members and civilian employees gathered Oct. 18 during the Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) conference to discuss what other changes we should make. Elsewhere in the newspaper you will find a more detailed list of their recommendations. I am very thankful for the work these groups performed as they strive to help us continually improve our post. I have asked Garrison Commander Col. Thomas Smith to periodically update the community in the post newspaper, on our TV programming, and on the Fort Riley Web site as we address each of the issues raised during AFAP.



Maj. Gen. Carter Ham

Riley Web site for information on the new policy.

Fort Riley said farewell Oct. 24 to the 2nd Brigade, 91st Division (Training Support) whose Soldiers have done such a great job starting the Transition Team effort here. We wish all the "Dagger" Brigade Soldiers Godspeed as they head home to Fort Carson, Colo.

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Another big change for all of us is the new "Army Strong" campaign. As many of you know, much of the film footage and photography for the upcoming advertisement campaign was completed here at Fort Riley. I think "Army Strong" is a powerful theme and recognizes the special attributes and sacrifice required of Soldiers and their families. Look for a nationwide showing of the new ads beginning Nov. 9.

Amidst all this change, some things remain constant. We still focus on Soldiers and families. We still train hard every day. We still enjoy the wonderful support of our local communities. And, we are still the best division in the best Army in the world.

Duty First!

AFAP info

See page 15 for a story on the Oct. 18 Army Family Action Plan conference along with a list of issues brought up by the groups.

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Pre-retirement briefing set

The semi-annual pre-retirement orientation will be conducted from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 3, with registration starting at 7:30 a.m. at Riley's Conference Center.

This orientation is for individuals who have submitted their request for retirement; however, any Soldier contemplating retirement in the near future is welcome to attend.

The purpose of this orientation is to receive information concerning rights, benefits and responsibilities in conjunction with retirement. Soldiers who are eligible for early retirement (medical reasons only) should attend.

Spouses of retiring personnel and prospective retirees are invited and encouraged to attend.

For further information, contact the Retirement Services Office, Building 210, or call 239-3320 or 239-3667.

Soldiers invited to meet, greet

Retiring Soldiers are invited to meet and greet major Flint Hills regional business leaders and employers from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Nov. 3 at Riley's Convention Center.

This networking opportunity will allow retiring Soldiers to learn about career possibilities as they plan their transition from military to private life.

Food and beverages will be provided. With registration for the pre-retirement orientation earlier in the day, Soldiers will receive a ticket for one free beverage. A cash bar and appetizers will be provided.

Door prizes will be available. For more information, call Jo Brunner at (785) 539-5691, (785) 762-8870 or (785) 213-6707.

Operation Santa plans kick-off

A ribbon cutting and open house ceremony to kick off Operation Santa Claus is scheduled for 3 p.m. Nov. 8 in Building 261.

Maj. Gen. Carter Ham, commanding general of the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley, is scheduled to cut the

ribbon.

Refreshments will be served.

Court-Martial convicts Soldier

On Oct. 17, Pfc. Nathaniel Parker of the 1st Engineer Battalion was tried at a General Court-Martial. He was charged with missing movement to the National Training Center and absence without leave from July 8 July to Aug. 7.

Parker pleaded not guilty to both charges but was found guilty and sentenced to eight months confinement, reduction to E-1, forfeiture of \$849 pay per month for eight months and to be discharged from the service with a Bad-Conduct Discharge.

Parker is now serving his confinement.

Dining hall open for families

The Main Post Dining Facility is now open to families on Saturdays and Sundays. Cost for family members will be the same as for Soldiers on Separate Rations.

Breakfast hours are 7:30 to 9 a.m. both days.

Lunch hours are noon to 1:30 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday.

Dinner hours are 4 to 5:30 p.m. each day.

Parking spots reassigned

Parking spots in front of the Main Post PX formerly reserved for the commanding general and command sergeant major are now reserved for expectant mothers and the Non-commissioned Officer of the Quarter.

Top employees recognized

Danny Durkee of Youth Sports has been named Employee of the Quarter for the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Carla Horsager, a procurement technician, has been named Employee of the Quarter for the Directorate of Contracting.

More Chinooks arrive on post

Sgt. Nicole Clarke

1st Infantry Division PAO

As the sun set in the background, aviators from 2nd Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment flew a victory lap around Marshall Army Airfield Oct. 20 in the post's newest CH-47 Chinooks, letting everyone know the helicopters were home.

The two crews flew four and a half hours from Fort Hood, Texas, to Marshall Army Airfield to bring back two more of the helicopters, bringing the total number of Chinooks at Fort Riley up to three.

Last month the first of the regiment's Chinooks was flown to Fort Riley by a crew from Fort Hood.

"This time our crews were able to take a commercial flight down to Killeen, Texas, and then they flew the Chinooks to Fort Riley," said Capt. Nicholas Utzig, commander, Company B, 2nd Bn., 1st Avn. Regt.

At the end of the relocation there will be a total of 12 Chinooks on post.

Before taking off for Fort Riley, the Chinooks go through a preset/reset program at Fort Hood.

The preset/reset program is where the aircraft receives a thorough check of its overall maintenance and technology, Utzig said.

During the program the latest technology is added to each aircraft. They also receive close inspections. This program helps extend the life of the aircraft, Utzig added.

"With the additional Chinooks here, we will be supporting the Combat Aviation Brigade and the Fort Riley tenant units by conducting medium- and heavy-lift air movement and air assault operations," Utzig said.

"It's a great feeling to have our aircraft here," said Spc. Shaun Jennings, a crew chief with Co. B, 2nd Bn., 1st Avn. Regt. "It lets us know that we can start doing our job. We can do hands-on training and transition from studying in the classroom to going out on the ramp and working with the helicopters."

All 12 Chinooks should be at Fort Riley by late January 2007.



1st Inf. Div./Clarke

A CH-47 Chinook helicopter taxis on the ramp before coming to a complete stop in its parking spot. The pilots are assisted by their crew chief and flight engineer as they make their way around on the ramp.

Operating Chinooks

Each Chinook is operated by a crew of four.

The crew includes a pilot in command who is responsible for the overall conduct of the flight, another pilot, a flight engineer and a crew chief, said Maj. Ron Jackson, executive officer, 2nd Bn., 1st Avn. Regt.

"As pilots, we are responsible for flying the aircraft and the navigation," said Jackson, who is also a pilot. "We also have to talk to different air traffic control facilities to make sure that we don't violate airspace."

The other crew members assist with airspace surveillance, making sure the helicopters don't get too close to other aircraft and vice versa, Jackson said.

Before a flight, the crew opens up the aircraft and conducts checks to make sure everything is in working order.

"There is a checklist that we go line by line down and then every-one cross checks each other," said Capt. Christian Lee, platoon leader, Co. B, 2nd Bn., 1st Avn.

Regt. "After the checklist is complete, we do a pilots' brief."

A pilot's brief or a crew brief is a brief that the crew gets before the aircraft departs, Utzig said. They talk about current weather conditions, flight routes and other things associated with the flight.

"It gives the crew a chance to visualize and synchronize what is ahead with the flight," Utzig said.

The crew goes through another checklist after the flight, said Staff Sgt. Martin Letang, flight engineer, Co. B, 2nd Bn., 1st Avn. Regt.

"We go through the aircraft checking for any problems or issues that may have occurred during the flight," Letang said.

After they check the inside of the aircraft they check the outside of the aircraft and tie it down.

"We tie down the blades for necessity, in case of the wind, and so the blades won't spin," Letang added. "We also chain the aircraft down in case of inclement weather."

Once the aircraft is tied down and everything is done, the flight logs are closed out and paperwork is filed, Letang said, summing up the procedure.



1st Inf. Div./Clarke

Spc. Shaun Jennings, a crew chief with Co. B, 2nd Bn., 1st Avn. Regt., monitors the auxiliary power unit of the CH-47 Chinook after the crew landed the helicopter at Marshall Army Airfield at Fort Riley Oct. 20.

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Morgan

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machines, and he was still splattered with blood from the explosion.

Morgan woke up in a Brooke hospital room. The bed next to his was empty. The pristine bedding had been made up, and it was obvious no one had touched it. He was alone.

Morgan later learned he was in isolation because he caught aneetia bactrim, a virus found in the Iraqi soil. Because of Morgan's extensive injuries, the virus was able to enter his blood stream.

Doctors didn't have a lot of information about the virus, so they took extreme measures, including protective suits to prevent the disease from spreading. A few Army buddies dared to wear the protective suits and ventured into his room for a while, but Morgan spent most of his time alone.

When doctors finally discussed Morgan's injuries with him, they had bittersweet news. Fortunately, they'd been able to save his legs. However, they didn't know how much use he'd have.

You're probably going to have a cane or some kind of assistance, the doctors said.

"Great," Morgan said. "Well, at least I have legs."

The following day, Morgan decided the bathroom would be easier to use than a bedpan, so he tried to get out of bed to relieve himself. He fell and caused the VACs to become disconnected.

Morgan lay sprawled out on the hospital floor, naked, waiting for the nurse to come in. She scolded him and helped him back into bed. Morgan was afraid to stay in bed, he said, thinking that if he didn't get up and force himself to walk, therapy and recovery might elude him.

The next day, Morgan took two steps before he collapsed. The same nurse came in again. She helped him into bed and scolded him once more. His doctor threatened to strap Morgan down if he tried getting out of bed again.

Morgan stayed in bed for a month until doctors, tired of his nagging, finally started his physical therapy.

Bit by bit, Morgan was able to walk. First it was 10 steps with a walker. Then he walked with crutches. Then walked with a cane. Doctors at BAMC finally released Morgan in late November to return to his post in Fort Riley, reuniting him with his pla-

Morgan today

Capt. John Morgan said he thinks the story written by Melissa Baier paints him as a hero. He thinks his men, the medic in Iraq and all the nurses and doctors, especially his physical therapist at Irwin Army Community Hospital are the heroes.

He also wants to give credit about his remaining on active duty where it truly belongs. Without his battalion and company commanders' support he wouldn't be on active duty today. Morgan insists. They allow him the physical therapy time he needs and are very understanding of his need to overcome the pain and injury he has suffered, he said.

"I could get out of the Army and probably make more money," Morgan said.

But I want to stay in because I don't think I could ever find a better bunch of guys to work with. It's being around such great people that make me want to stay on active duty. I can't imagine doing anything else.

toon and his family.

For two months, Morgan walked with a cane. He did a lot of physical therapy and even more praying, he said.

Today, Morgan, now a captain and company executive officer for Company A, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor, can walk more easily, with no assistance. He can even run 4 miles on a treadmill every other day to keep working and strengthening his legs bit by bit.

He also runs and walks the circuit on Custer Hill, running the first 100 yards, stopping to stretch, and then alternating running and walking until he completes the circuit.

He paces his running and walking by picking out a telephone pole to reach before changing to the other pace, trying to increase his running distance as much as he can.

In a sense, Morgan is wasn't satisfied with walking toward continued active duty service. With the support and understanding of superior officers, he's still in uniform and running toward his future a mile at a time.



1st Bn., 28th Inf. Photo

"Black Lions" provide support by fire from a ridge near a mock Iraqi village during the battalion's Combined Arms Live-Fire Exercise at Fort Riley.

'Black Lions' take objective

CALFEX rolls prior training into test for 1st Bn., 28th Inf.

By Capt. Sean McCoy

1st Bn., 28th Inf.

Artillery and mortar rounds impacted several hundred meters from the "Black Lion" Soldiers attacking the terrorist training camp on Objective Snake. Suddenly, a deafening explosion rocked the entire area. The breach team had blown an opening in the razor wire surrounding the enemy camp.

Staff Sgt. Kevin Reinhardt barked, "The breach is marked; 1st Squad moving to building one," as Soldiers stormed the objective, rapidly securing terrorist offices and barracks.

The "Black Lions" had seized the momentum.

... The 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team conducted Company Combined Arms Live-Fire Exercises (CALFEXs) for the 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry, "Black Lions" Oct. 7-9. A CALFEX is the capstone of an infantry company's training program. All the individual training events, Dragon

Flight collective training evaluations, and squad and platoon live-fires come together to form the training foundation for a company CALFEX.

The "Black Lion" rifle companies were supported with 105mm artillery fire from 2nd Battalion, 32nd Field Artillery, and mortar fires provided by the battalion's mortar platoon.

A Company D, 1st Bn., 28th Inf., weapons platoon established a blocking position north of the terrorist camp. A sniper team and the Dragon UAV Platoon piloted an unmanned aerial vehicle over Objective Snake.

"Command and controlling the multiple assets given to a company commander during a CALFEX replicates the demands of combat," remarked Capt. Bret Hamilton as Company A successfully secured the terrorist camp.

Although the terrorist camp the

Black Lions attacked was actually constructed on Mortar Firing Point 4 in the Fort Riley Training Area, the actual Objective Snake was a terrorist training camp located between the Syrian border and Baghdad.

Col. Ricky Gibbs, the brigade commander, had planned the 101st Airborne Division assault on Objective Snake in Iraq and was the primary architect for the development of the Fort Riley CALFEX objective.

The construction of this extensive terrorist site, complete with six buildings, a guard tower, 50 individual targets, pyrotechnics, demolitions pit, weapons and ammunition cache, a soccer field, road network, command bunker, mortar position, a radio tower and a tank fell to Capt. Sean Lyons, Staff Sgt. Jason Hellstrom and Pfc. Luke Benner of the "Black Lion" S3 Section.

"Hundreds of manhours and several chainsaws later, we had a realistic terrorist training camp. When Soldiers saw this site, they felt they were in Iraq, right down to the smell," Hellstrom commented. "Seeing the confidence level of our companies spike as they secured Objective Snake makes our hard work worthwhile."

As the company commander prepped the objective with field artillery and mortar fire, the unit's primary support by fire position members low-crawled into place on a dominating hill overlooking the terrorist camp.

Without night-vision devices, all that could be spotted was several burn barrels and the shadows of several buildings. However, fully equipped with night vision equipment, the support-by-fire

See CALFEX, Page 8

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position Soldiers accurately identified terrorist locations and initiated direct fire on the camp.

"It may seem like a barrage of fire, but we actually have a precision battle drill in place, and each of our M240 crews are experts," said Staff Sgt. Norbert Schwanke, a Company B weapons squad leader.

Brigade Command Sgt. Maj. Jim Champagne was the senior observer/controller at the support-by-fire position. "It has been great to see the tremendous progress our Soldiers have made since activation in January, but even more satisfying has been watching each support-by-fire position take the After Action Review comments and make the necessary refinements for their next live-fire. That is the mark of a professional."

Next to the breach in the enemy perimeter, the platoon leader directed rifle squads to stack against the enemy command buildings. Still supported by devastating machine gun fire from the support-by-fire position, assault teams placed a demolition charge against the locked door of the first terrorist building. With a deafening explosion, the door was destroyed and a four-man stack stormed into the building, eliminating armed terrorists.

Staff Sgt. Nicholas Kolowich of Co. B highlighted the precision required to rapidly enter a building that may be occupied by enemy fighters: "We continually rehearse this battle drill; it is all about trust in the other three Soldiers you are entering the room with."

With Objective Snake secure, the rifle company collected intelligence from the buildings and accounted for enemy weapons and ammunition caches.

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The "Black Lion" Mortar Platoon continued the steady illumination of the terrorist camp, firing infra-red illumination rounds designed to allow American Soldiers the opportunity to see the battlefield as if it were daytime and keeping the enemy at a disadvantage and in the dark.

The company commander notified the platoons to move towards a helicopter pick-up zone for extraction from Objective Snake. The mission has been successfully accomplished, the terrorist camp on Objective Snake had been destroyed and the insurgent network had been severely damaged.

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1st Bn., 28th Inf. Photo

A "Black Lions" squad stays linked with command and control elements via radio.



1st Bn., 28th Inf. Photo

A 1st Bn., 28th Inf. Soldier guards weapons uncovered during the battalion's CALFEX "attack" against a mock Iraqi village at Fort Riley.

In the After Action Review, ny CALFEX. Command Sgt. Maj. Cliff Dockter told the company, "Be proud of what you as a rifle company have accomplished in a short amount of training time. The individual, squad and platoon training have all come together to enable you to conduct a very successful compa-

ny CALFEX.

"Now, get back out there and rehearse the points of improvement you brought up. Amateurs practice things till they get it right; professionals practice things until they can't get them wrong. Always seek improvement."



1st Bn., 28th Inf. Photo

"Black Lion" Soldiers storm a mock building built at Fort Riley to accommodate a specially constructed CALFEX to wrap up all training the Soldiers have accomplished to date.

Infantrymen form post chapter

Special to the Post

The recent return of the 1st Infantry Division to Fort Riley has brought a massive influx of infantrymen to post. Inevitably, the infantrymen on Fort Riley would band together to form their own chapter of the National Infantry Association.

The Fort Riley Chapter of the NIA was formed in May. Meetings are held monthly at the Fort Riley Golf Course.

Formation of this new chap-

ter of the NIA was spearheaded by Maj. David Wood of the 1st Brigade. Officers of the new chapter are President Wayne Uhden, Senior Vice President Frank Zachar, Vice President

Ralph Kauzlarich, Secretary Ed Ziembinski, Treasurer Erik Overby, and Legal Advocate Emilee Elbert.

The 44 chapter members representing the 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry; 2nd Battalion, 16th Inf.; 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry; and 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry, have met four times, to date,

and the chapter continues to grow in membership.

Soldiers from all branches and backgrounds who are infantry supporters are invited to join.

NIA's goal is to share the camaraderie of like-minded Soldiers and citizens who believe in maintaining and building the Infantry esprit-de-corps, to recognize through the NIA awards program any outstanding Infantrymen and Infantry supporters, and to preserve the Infantry heritage at Fort Riley.

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Patriot POGs coming to deployed troops

AAFES

DALLAS – The Army and Air Force Exchange Service has announced the winners of its first Patriot POG Gift Certificate Photo Contest held in September.

The winning photos will appear on 5-, 10- and 25-cent gift certificates given as change at AAFES' 53 exchanges throughout Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom.

Developed in 2001 to facilitate retail operations in a war zone while adhering to Department of Defense restrictions on shipping coins downrange, the gift certificates, known as "POGs," are flat, lightweight, coated disks used in place of heavy metal coins. While issued as change in the contingency theater, POGs are accepted at any post or base exchange location worldwide.

In addition to their images appearing on change that will be seen by millions of troops, those who submitted winning photos take home gift certificates valued between \$50 and \$1,000.

"This was an extremely successful effort with more than 3,300 photo entries," said Air Force Maj. Raymond Lamy, AAFES Strategic Marketing Officer. "Most of the entries were submitted by active duty service-members and the rest by family members, retirees and government employees."

Five judges carefully reviewed the entries in order to choose the photos that best depicted activities of deployed troops and reunions. "I felt this was an extremely challenging and difficult task," said contest judge Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Robin L. Williams.

"The sheer volume of entries laid in front of us [the judges]



Courtesy photo

Fourth prize photo, "Baby Colin in Helmet," by Army Sgt. 1st Class Chad Johnson, Lawton, Okla.

was amazing, not to mention the superb quality of the images that had been captured by our fellow military members and their families. It took a while, but certain photos stood out the more we looked at the entries," Williams said.

The winning Patriot POGs are scheduled to be printed this month and should begin circulating in the contingency theater by the end of the year. Previous POG series featured photos obtained from public sources. The Patriot POGs will be the first series featuring images submitted troops and their families.

2006 Winners

The 12 winners of the 2006 Patriot POG contest are:

1st Prize, \$1,000 gift card, Lt. Cmdr. (USNR) Jim Vandenberg, Little Rock, Ark.; and Sgt. (USA) Tal Wick, Germany.

2nd Prize, \$750 gift card,



Courtesy photo

Third prize photo, "Summer Sunset of Soldier with Dog," by Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Timothy Viera, Okinawa, Japan.

POGs

The game of POGs originated in the 1920s on the Hawaiian island of Maui. There, dairy workers played the game during breaks using simple milk caps. POGs stand for an acronym for a popular Hawaiian drink made from passion fruit, oranges and guava juices. The game is played with disc-like objects which have pictures on their face side. Mass appeal has followed since reintroduction of the game in the 1990s.

Staff Sgt. (USAF) Xavier Goco, Tucson, Ariz.; and Kamal Saad, Womeldorf, Pa.

3rd Prize, \$500 gift card, Pfc. (USMC) Timothy J. Viera, Okinawa, Japan; and Command Sgt. Maj. (USA) James Ross, El Paso, Texas.

4th Prize, \$50 gift card, Sgt. 1st Class (USA) Chad Johnson, Lawton, Okla.; Ashley Collins,

Minot AFB, N.D.; Lance Cpl. Samantha Jones, Camp Pendleton, Calif.; Tracy Olson, Fairbanks, Alaska; Deanna Seto, Fort Drum, N.Y.; and Capt. (USANG) Dennis A. Christian, Largo, Fla.

All winning images can be viewed online at <http://www.aafes.com/docs/winners.htm>.

Understanding what intelligence means

Generals speak on empowering Soldiers through information use

By Dennis Ryan

Fort Meyer Pentagongram

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) – Lt. Gen. James J. Lovelace, deputy chief of staff, G-3, addressed the use of intelligence in the "Actionable intelligence for the command and Soldier" forum at the Association of the U.S. Army annual meeting the week of Oct. 9.

The general singled out eight individuals out of more than 200 attending the session. He designated them a squad, and said their mission was to find one bad guy in the room.

The analogy demonstrated the difficulties modern Soldiers face when searching for enemies in urban environments and stressed Soldiers' need for access to the most recent information.

Lovelace explained how a Stryker formation in Iraq, using the latest command and control equipment on their vehicles, was able to make six raids from one piece of information. With the latest data, the leader was able to disperse his troops to a variety of locations to catch 14 members of a terrorist cell.

Lt. Gen. Carl Strock, chief of the Army Corps of Engineers, explained how geospatial engineering is enabling warfighters with extremely detailed urban maps.

"We require much more detail," Strock said. "Special Forces have to know which side

the door is hinged on. You must constantly refresh information ... and constantly analyze it."

The general told how information used to be dispersed from the top down, but in today's combat environment the Soldier on the ground serves as a sensor to collect real-time data.

Maj. Gen. David Rodriguez, commander of the 82nd Airborne Division, spoke about the importance of sharing knowledge,

likening intelligence knowledge to a library without a Dewey Decimal System. He urged commanders to trust other people's intelligence and to hand over targets to whatever unit can best perform the job.

Soldiers must also understand the strengths and weakness of intelligence.

"Operators have to understand what intelligence really means and what it's doing for you," Rodriguez said.

The 82nd commander urged the audience to collect and share knowledge instantaneously, saying that actionable intelligence will allow even a platoon to employ overwhelming combat power in today's fight.

Command decisions should also be made at the lowest levels to enable troops to take advantage of the "fleeting nature of targets," Rodriguez added.

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Health benefits fair scheduled

The 2007 Open Season Health Benefits Fair is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 30 in Riley's Conference Center.

FEHB Plan representatives will be on-site to answer questions, provide information and distribute open season health care packets.

Occupational Health representatives also will be on-site to give free blood pressure checks.

Laundry services provided on post

The laundry drop off/pick up point for services provided by PENN Enterprises, Inc. is located at Building 229, the old commissary, on Custer Avenue. Hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Monday through Friday.

These services are offered to all military personnel for cleaning of most Central Issue Facility items and are turned around within three days.

When CIF items are cleaned using PENN's services, a clearing Soldier need only present their laundry receipt. In order to CIF to automatically accept the equipment.

Soldiers protect peace on North, South Korea border

Editor's note: The recent nuclear test by North Korea has nations around the world focusing their attention on possible threats the communist country could pose to them and the rest of the world. Since massive hostilities ended between members of the United Nations forces fighting in the Korean War, U.S. forces have remained in the southern half of the peninsula, defensive partners with South Korea. Their guard has never let down in the past half century.

By Heike Hasenauer
Soldiers magazine

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) — Korea may seem largely forgotten as the world's attention focuses on war-on-terror fronts. But, communist North Korea became the center of attention Oct. 9 after claims that it conducted its first-ever nuclear test.

In July the nation also launched seven missiles, including a long-range Raepdong-2 that could have reached the United States had it not failed shortly after take-off.

Despite the inherent dangers of living at the border of a communist-ruled society that boasts the fourth largest army in the world — and within range of several thousand North Korean artillery tubes — an assignment to South Korea, officially the Republic of Korea, or ROK, "is the assignment of greatest stability right now," said Eighth U.S. Army Commander Lt. Gen. David P. Valcourt.

It is stable because "Soldiers who arrive here aren't preparing to deploy to Iraq or Afghanistan, nor have they just come from those places," Valcourt said.

When Soldiers arrive in the ROK, they are deployed to a real-life contingency operation, where officials take the possibility of war seriously every day.

"Soldiers here can expect programs to support them," Valcourt said. Among those is an equitable cost-of-living allowance, assignment-incentive programs and a command "that bends over backwards to take care of families."

Moving South

U.S. military personnel in Korea will soon witness great change, said Valcourt, as they're relocated farther south from the Yongsan Garrison in Seoul to Camp Humphreys and other southern points between now and 2008.

The changes are part of the 2004 Yongsan Relocation Plan, an agreement between U.S. and ROK officials to move all U.S. forces out of the Seoul area and south of the Han River by December 2008. A reduction in force will have reduced the size of U.S. forces in Korea by 12,500 — from 37,000 in 2004 to about 25,000, said Maj. Jerome Pionk, EUSA spokesman.

It will be to the U.S. forces' advantage to move south, officials say, since the only remaining communist stronghold in the world also has the most heavily armed border in the world, and it lies about 25 miles north of Seoul, the current home to many of the 25,000 U.S. servicemembers stationed in the ROK.

"Moving will also allow us to create efficiency, using one commissary instead of eight, and reduce the number of other support facilities," Valcourt said.

A number of U.S. camps close



Soldiers magazine/Hasenauer

Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery Regiment, 35th ADA Brigade undergo convoy-operations training at Story Range near Camp Casey, Republic of Korea.

to the border with North Korea have already been closed.

Despite changes, Soldiers ready for war

Twice the amount of money and materiel going into force structure at Fort Bliss, Texas, to accommodate troops relocating to the United States is going into Camp Humphreys, — some \$8 billion — to be paid jointly by the United States and the ROK over the next five years, Valcourt said. "[The buildup of infrastructure] would be the envy of any

commander [in the continental United States]," he said.

Despite the changes, critical response units like the 2nd Infantry Division, 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade and 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade are trained and ready for war.

Since the 1953 U.S.-ROK Mutual Defense Treaty, the United States has had troops in South Korea, most notably the 2nd Inf. Div. and several U.S. Air Force tactical squadrons, to help Korea thwart aggression from the North.

For most of these Soldiers, a tour in Korea is still considered a

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K-State to rename building in honor of Myers

By Beth Bohn

Kansas State University

MANHATTAN — Kansas State University is renaming its Military Science Building in honor of an alum who has served as the nation's highest ranking military officer.

The Kansas Board of Regents today approved the renaming of the building to Gen. Richard B. Myers Hall. A dedication ceremony, featuring Myers, will be held at 1:30 p.m., Nov. 9.

The building is home to K-State's Army and Air Force ROTC programs and is the only building on campus to be built

during World War II. Construction started in 1941 and was completed in 1943.

"This is a fitting tribute to a man who embarked on his successful military career in the building that will now bear his name," said Jon Wefald, K-State president.

"Gen. Myers joined the Air Force in 1965 through the Air Force ROTC program at K-State, where he also earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering, Wefald said. "He went on to command various Air Force operations in the United States and abroad, among other leadership positions. His military career

reached the pinnacle when he was appointed the 15th chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, serving from 2001-2005."

As chairman, Myers was the principal military adviser to the president, the secretary of defense and the National Security Council.

Before retiring from the position in September 2005, Myers helped design and install a military strategy to win the war on terror while also developing ties with allies to forge a coalition against terror.

During his tenure, the United States launched strikes against terrorist cells in Afghanistan and

waged a war in Iraq.

Myers previously served as vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and assistant to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

In addition to his K-State degree, Myers has a master's degree in business administration from Auburn University.

He has attended the Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.; the U.S. Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., and the Program for Senior Executives in National and International Security at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Myers holds a part-time appointment at K-State as a Foundation professor of military history and leadership.

His duties include giving guest lectures to classes and attending special events for the K-State Alumni Association and Kansas State University Foundation.

Along with offices and classrooms for the Army ROTC program, through the department of military science, and for the Air Force ROTC program, through the department of aerospace studies, Myers Hall also includes a gallery for rifle practice and contests.

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Education Center surveys needs

The Fort Riley Consortium of Colleges and Universities developed a needs assessment survey to determine the educational desires of the entire Fort Riley Community. The goal of Education Services is to have each eligible person at Fort Riley including active duty members of the military, family members, Department of the Army civilians and veterans fill out the survey in October.

To take the survey go to Please go to <https://surveys.ksu.edu/TS?offeringId=57579> and follow the instructions.

The survey should take less than 15 minutes to complete. Responses will be forwarded anonymously and all of the findings will be combined in a report format.

Post sets Halloween hours

Trick or treating will be allowed from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Oct. 31 on Fort Riley.

The Fort Riley Operations Center will sound the post sirens at to signal the beginning and end of the sanctioned "Trick or Treat" period.

Department of Defense

WWII airman identified

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) announced that the remains of a U.S. serviceman, 1st Lt. Shannon E. Estill, missing in action from World War II, have been identified and returned to his family for burial with full military honors.

Estill, U.S. Army Air Forces, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa will be buried Oct. 10 in Arlington National Cemetery near Washington, D.C.

On April 13, 1945, Estill's P-38J Lightning was struck by enemy anti-aircraft fire while attacking targets in eastern Germany. Another U.S. pilot reported seeing Estill's aircraft explode and crash.

Because the location of the crash site was within the Russian-controlled sector of occupied Germany, U.S. military personnel

could not recover Estill's remains after the war.

In 2003, a team from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) investigated a crash site near the town of Elsnig in eastern Germany.

The site had been reported by two German nationals whose hobby is finding the location of World War II crash sites.

They also claimed to have found remains at the site, which they turned over to U.S. Army officials. The team surveyed the site and interviewed two more men who witnessed the crash as children.

In 2005, another JPAC team excavated the crash site and recovered additional human remains as well as P-38 wreckage. Included in the recovered wreckage was an aircraft data plate from Estill's plane.

Among other forensic identification tools and circumstantial evidence, scientists from JPAC and the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory also used

More info

For additional information on the Defense Department's mission to account for missing Americans, visit the DPMO web site at <http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo/> or call (703) 699-1169.

mitochondrial DNA in the identification of the remains, matching DNA sequences from a maternal relative.

Korean War Soldier identified

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) announced that the remains of a U.S. serviceman, missing in action from the Korean War, have been identified and returned to his family for burial with full military honors.

The Soldier, Pfc. Francis Crater Jr., U.S. Army's 32nd Infantry Regiment, of Barberton, Ohio, will be buried Oct. 21 in Akron, Ohio.

From Nov. 27-Dec. 1, 1950, the U.S. Army's 31st Regimental Combat Team, to which Crater's regiment was temporarily assigned, fought elements of the Chinese People's Volunteer Forces in the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea.

After intense fighting, the 31st RCT was forced to abandon its position, leaving its dead behind. Regimental records compiled

after the battle indicate that Crater was killed in action on Nov. 28, 1950.

Between 2002 and 2003, two joint U.S.-Democratic People's Republic of North Korea teams, led by the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC), excavated two, adjacent mass graves on the eastern shore of the Chosin Reservoir believed to be burial sites of Soldiers from the 31st RCT.

The team found human remains for eight individuals and other material evidence, including Crater's identification tags.

Among other forensic identification tools and circumstantial evidence, scientists from JPAC and the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory also used mitochondrial DNA and dental comparisons in the identification of the remains.

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Army activates IMCOM to improve Soldier support

Army news release

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Army activated the Installation Management Command Oct. 24 to consolidate and strengthen installation support services to Soldiers and their families through the full authority of command.

Lt. Gen. Robert Wilson assumed the IMCOM command at a Pentagon ceremony hosted by Lt. Gen. James Campbell, director of the Army Staff. The new command places the former Installation Management Agency, the former Community and Family Support Center and the former Army Environmental Center under a single command as a direct reporting unit.

Taking the next step

"Today we take the next step in the evolution of Army installation

management ... in order to create a more efficient, effective and agile organization to ensure the best Army in the world is supported by the best installations in the world," Wilson said.

In keynote remarks, Campbell drew a parallel between the IMCOM and the new Army advertising slogan, "Army Strong." He defined "strong" as the ability to stand up for oneself, while "Army Strong" is the ability to stand up for everyone else.

"In my mind, the Installation Management Command shows that it is 'Army Strong' each and every day," Campbell said, "with the strength to make an installation a community, a set of quarters a home; and complete strangers, friends.

"(IMCOM has the strength) to ease separation and connect the Soldier on-point with a family at home; the strength to genuinely care for the loved ones back home

so that young Soldiers facing life and death can focus on the mission at hand."

Changing names, faces

As IMCOM commander, Wilson is dual-hatted as the Army's assistant chief of staff for installation management, reporting directly to the Army chief of staff.

Brig. Gen. John A. Macdonald, former IMA director, became IMCOM's deputy commander.

Under IMCOM, CFSC is renamed the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command, and becomes a subordinate command of IMCOM, commanded by Brig. Gen. Belinda Pinckney, with its own flag.

The AEC is now the Army Environmental Command — also a subordinate command, commanded by Col. Michael O'Keefe, with its own flag.

The flag casings and uncasings were a symbolic focal point of the activation ceremony and the three gold and red flags, standing together in a rank, seemed to further underscore the unity of purpose inherent in the new organization.

"The Army has never been in greater need of installations as flagships of readiness than it is now," Wilson said, citing the construction, personnel and equipment realignments required to support Base Realignment and Closure, Army Modular Force, and Global Defense Posture Repositioning.

He said BRAC alone accounts for more than 1,200 actions that impact the IMCOM mission.

Army reorganizes for agility

The Army announced the

establishment of the Installation Management Command as a direct reporting unit in August.

This initiative is part of Army efforts to reorganize its commands and specified headquarters to obtain the most agile command and control structures to support the expeditionary, modular force.

The full authority of command is vital to effectively direct the vast resources necessary to support troop deployments while meeting the needs of families, Army officials said in announcing the decision to form IMCOM.

Consolidating the installation management structure under IMCOM optimizes resources, protects the environment and enhances well-being of the Army community.

IMCOM will provide fast, efficient and agile support to commanders in the performance of their tactical and strategic mis-

sions.

The new command, currently headquartered in Virginia and Maryland, will relocate in 2010 to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, in accordance with requirements of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure round.

The deputy commanding general will locate in Texas, while the commanding general and ACSIM functions will remain at the Pentagon.

The new command also will consolidate the four Installation Management Agency regions within the continental United States into two as required by BRAC.

The Western Region will stand up in November at Fort Sam Houston, with consolidation taking place over the next few years. The Eastern Region will locate at Fort Eustis, Va., in 2010.

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Post sets Halloween hours

Trick or treating will be allowed from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Oct. 31 on Fort Riley. The Fort Riley Operations Center will sound the post sirens at to signal the beginning and end of the sanctioned "Trick or Treat" period.

Thrift shop changes hours

As of Nov. 1, the Fort Riley Thrift Shop will be open Tuesday through Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and the first and third Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thrift shop employees are also conducting a survey to help assess the needs of Fort Riley Soldiers and their families.

For more information on the survey, contact the Thrift Shop at 784-3874 or stop by Building 267, Stuart Avenue.

Society sponsors ghost tours

The Historical and Archaeological Society of Fort Riley invites military and civilian residents on and off post to their 11th annual Ghost Tours on Oct. 29.

One and a half to 2-mile spooky walking tours will start at 4 p.m. at the Custer House. The last tour starts at 7 p.m.

Cost for tickets is \$1 for anyone 13 and older. Family Readiness Group-sponsored food booths will provide fall foods for purchase. Walking tours will feature storytellers sharing ghostly happenings throughout the historic buildings and sites around Main Post.

For more information, visit ghosttour1@yahoo.com on the Web.

Newcomer's Orientation

Come find out what Fort Riley and the surrounding communities have to offer at Newcomer's Orientation. The next orientation is from 8:30 a.m. to noon Nov. 3 at the Soldier and Family Support Center, Building 7264 Normandy Dr.

RSVP by Nov. 1 by contacting Relocation Readiness at (785) 239-9435 or site2665@riley.army.mil.

For more information visit the relocation Web site at <http://www.riley.army.mil/Services/Family/ACS/RelocRead.asp>.

Parent program offered

The Parent to Parent program will offer a workshop Nov. 2 at the Manhattan Public Library at 4 p.m. The workshop will cover topics such as getting the most out of homework and creating a positive home and school relationship.

For more information contact the Parent to Parent team at 226-9164 or rileyparent2parent@yahoo.com.

Stay In Step with Fort Riley

See what's happening on Fort Riley cable Channel 2 every day at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Retirees gather for annual RAD

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

More than 175 retirees, spouses and widows had signed in by 9:30 a.m. Oct. 20 at Fort Riley's annual Retiree Appreciation Day.

"I'm sure there are a lot more people walking around who haven't signed in," said a member of Fort Riley's Retiree Advisory Council manning the front desk.

The council and the post's Retirement Services Office host the annual event.

The Retiree Advisory Council includes an equal number of officer and enlisted retirees and one military widow representative. It meets periodically throughout the year to discuss issues of importance to all military retirees and to advise the commanding general of Fort Riley about those issues.

This year's RAD included a welcome by the council's chairman, retired Brig. Gen.

Dayle E. Williamson from Nebraska, an installation update by Fort Riley Garrison Commander Col. Thomas Smith, a talk about the Armed Forces Retirement Home and an update on post medical services by Irwin Army Community Hospital Commander Col. Dawn M. Smith.

The day's keynote speaker was retired Maj. Gen. William M. Matz Jr., now president of the National Association for Uniformed Services. He spoke about veteran benefits legislation of interest to almost

everyone attending the day's activities. He included measures that became law a few weeks ago when President George W. Bush signed the Defense Bill and issues that will be brought up again when the 110th Congress convenes in January.

The afternoon included health screenings and information provided by Fort Riley healthcare specialists and a wide range of information booths set up by organiza-

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Boo!



Post/Morelock

Sgt. Ajita Curry (back), BOSS president, and two other BOSS representatives position a coffin in the haunted house. BOSS members worked for almost a week to set up the haunted house which will open Oct. 28 in Building 211.

BOSS gets ready to scare post residents

By Anna Morelock
Staff writer

Those looking to be scared out of their wits this Halloween season don't have to go any farther than Building 211 on Main Post. From Oct. 28-31 the building's basement will be filled with rats, torturers and ghosts to provide a good scare during the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers' annual haunted house.

BOSS President Sgt. Ajita Curry,

walked through the basement Oct. 20 excitedly describing the frights to come. As she walked through the rooms draped in black plastic, Curry said she hopes the haunted house, which will be bigger this year than last, will bring some excitement to Fort Riley and give people something different to do.

With more Soldiers on post, the haunted house will be staffed with around 18 actors this year compared to last year's eight, said former BOSS President Spc. Dwayne Allen. Allen wouldn't say which part he'd

play in the haunted scene, but was excited to get to be an actor this year.

"I get to have fun now," Allen said of his new role. Last year Allen said he spent his time running around making sure things ran smoothly. This year that job is up to Curry and Spc. Travis Bittenbender, BOSS vice president.

"They're so excited because it's their first year," Allen said while across the room Curry helped BOSS representatives

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Yard sale draws crowd despite weather

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

A temperature of 41 degrees, light rain and breeze kept people walking in winter clothes and rushing from garage to garage Oct. 21, but it didn't keep them from showing up for the fall post-wide yard sale.

Traffic began to get heavier than normal about 6 a.m., one gate guard at the Trooper Drive gate said. People without post vehicle registration decals had to stop at access points to get a day pass to shop for bargains throughout the post's housing areas.

He didn't seem surprised at the number of people wanting to come to the yard sale in spite of the cold, damp and windy weather chilling everything and everybody at 10 a.m. "It wasn't raining or anything at 6 o'clock," he said.

By 10:30 a.m., Lacey Wachsmacht was shivering as she looked through children's clothes at one set of family quarters in Ellis

Heights. She had started out about an hour earlier that morning from her home in Blue Rapids, Kan., north of Manhattan on U.S. Highway 77 just to take advantage of the semi-annual yard sale on post. "It's a good thing daddy was home today to take care of the kids. I'm looking for clothes for my babies," she said. Her daughter is still an infant and her son wears 4-T, she said.

She didn't find any clothes at that stop, but said she had found a lot of bargains.

Sarah Arnett wore a hooded coat to help fend off the cold that invaded her garage in O'Donnell Heights housing area. "It's my first time as a seller," she said, "but I'm a many times yard sale buyer."

Even with her first-hand knowledge of why people love yard sales, Arnett said the shoppers came in bigger numbers than she had expected because of the weather. She estimated about 65 percent of her items had sold by about 10 a.m.



Post/Heronemus

Cadets of the Junction City High School "Blue Jay" Battalion, Jr. ROTC, serve refreshments to yard sale shoppers on post Oct. 21. The fundraiser for the "Blue Jay" Battalion had raised more than \$75 midway through the morning.

Right about that time, a man walked up wanting to know if she had any men's shirts. She did. He bought one for a quarter.

Her prices were low because "we aim to move" everything, she said.

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Local charities participate in CFC

Staff report

With about one week left until the Nov. 3 Combined Federal Campaign deadline at Fort Riley, the campaign is still under its \$175,000 goal. As of Oct. 25, \$19,201.30 has been collected for various charities.

The following is a list of some of the local charities listed in the 2006 Combined Federal Campaign donation booklet.

For more information on these charities and others, or to find out more about donating to the 2006 CFC, visit www.cfckansas.org or contact individual unit or organization CFC representatives.

Charity information was compiled from organization Web sites.

United Way

In communities across America, 1,350 United Way chapters identify and build on community strengths and assets, help individuals and groups with specific community interests find ways to contribute their time and talents, support direct-service programs and community-change efforts and advocate for public policy changes.

Depending on the issue and how the community chooses to address it, United Way chapters work with schools, government agencies, businesses, organized labor, financial institutions, community development corporations, voluntary and neighborhood associations, the faith community and others.

Several local United Way organizations are included in the 2006 Combined Federal Campaign booklet, including:

United Way of Greater Topeka (code 5000)

Phone: (785)273-4804

Web site: www.unitedwaytopeka.org

United Way of Douglas County, Inc. (code 5220)

Phone: (785)843-6626

Web site: www.unitedwaydgc.org

United Way of Junction City-Geary County (code 5216)

Phone: (785)238-2117

United Way of Riley County (code 5217)

Phone: (785)776-3779

Web site: www.unitedwayrc.org

United Way of the Flint Hills (code 5218)

Phone: (620)342-7564

Other charities

Fort Riley Child and Youth Services (code 5210)

Child and Youth Services offers programs for infants (4 weeks) through high school (18 years old). The goal is to provide customer driven programs and services that are developmental in nature and promote physical, social, emotional well-being and positive character development.

Phone: (785)239-4708

Web site: <http://www.riley.army.mil/Services/Family/CYS/>

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'Ike' remembered at ceremony

Pfc. Nathaniel Smith
1st Infantry Division PAO

On a mid-autumn morning in a Kansas town where the streets are lined with American flags, a city honored its favorite son and one of the nation's heroes who was both a diplomat and a Soldier — Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Representatives of the Kansas and national American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary and Fort Riley's 1st Infantry Division honored the 34th president with a wreath-laying ceremony at his gravesite and statue at the Eisenhower Center in Abilene, Kan., Oct. 14, his birthday.

The annual ceremony is held in Abilene where Eisenhower was raised; however, he was born in Denison, Texas, in 1890. Eisenhower and his family moved to Abilene when he was just two years old.

As part of the ceremony, representatives of the "Big Red One."

Maj. Gen. Carter Ham, the commanding general of 1st Inf. Div. and Fort Riley, and Command Sgt. Maj. John Fourhman, 1st Inf. Div. command sergeant major, laid a wreath on Eisenhower's grave.

During the ceremony the keynote speaker, the first female director of the Kansas Department of Transportation, Debra Miller, provided attendees with a glimpse of just a couple of Eisenhower's accomplishments.

Miller spoke of "Ike," the name the late president is affectionately known as, and his accomplishments setting up the United States' modern interstate highway system.

While Eisenhower was direct-



1st Inf. Div. PAO/Smith
Ernie Cooper, an alternate executive committee member with the national chapter of the American Legion, carries a wreath to President Eisenhower's statue at the Eisenhower Center in Abilene, Kan.

ing the Allied invasion into Germany during World War II, he drew inspiration from the German autobahn system, an extensive series of four-lane highways running through the country. This German highway system was the inspiration behind Ike's vision of what America's interstate system should look like, Miller said.

Miller cited a quote of Eisenhower's during her speech.

"The old convoy had started me thinking about good, two-lane

highways, but Germany had made me see the wisdom of broader ribbons across this land," she read.

Eisenhower started his military career at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. As an Army second lieutenant, Eisenhower's first assignment was in Texas, where he served at Fort Sam Houston, Camp Wilson and Leon Springs. During his time in Texas he met his wife, Mamie Geneva Doud.

It's no surprise Eisenhower became the leader he did as he had plenty of role models to learn from, serving under Generals John J. Pershing, Douglas MacArthur and Walter Krueger. Army Chief of Staff Gen. George C. Marshall assigned Eisenhower to Washington on a war plans assignment after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941.

During World War II, Eisenhower commanded the Allied troops that invaded North Africa in November 1942. The command that the general is perhaps most known for is Operation Overlord, where he directed the invasion of Nazi-controlled France. The invasion was significant because it opened up a war on two fronts for the Germans, with the Americans and British in the west and Russians in the east.

Eisenhower retired with the rank of General of the Army, a five star general.

In addition to establishing the interstate system, some of Eisenhower's accomplishments include ending the Korean War, the continuation of the New Deal and Fair Deal programs, and the desegregation of the Armed Forces.

Due to the popularity of coffee houses across the country, Fort Riley chaplains decided to open their own in the Building 8067 Internet cafe on Normandy Drive. From 8 to 10 p.m. on Friday nights, Soldiers and family members can stop by for a cup of joe, play a game of billiards, challenge

a friend to a game of chess, eat snacks or just listen to live music.

Each night will end with a devotion provided by the chaplains in charge. The chaplains and lay leaders involved in the new ministry are excited to see it take off and hope to see even more troops over coffee in the future.

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position a coffin and flowers for a funeral scene.

To get ideas for the haunted house, Curry said the group did some brainstorming and also toured haunted houses in Kansas City.

Besides the horrors dreamt up by BOSS representatives, the building might have some of its own to throw in. While working in the basement, Curry said sev-

eral of the BOSS members have heard a ringing phone, but can't explain where it's coming from.

"We might have company," she said of the unexplained occurrences. "We're looking forward to company," she added about the possibility of the ringing phone adding to the Halloween thrills.

The BOSS haunted house will run from 7 to 10 p.m., Oct. 28-

31. Admission is \$4, and children 6 and under are free. Trick or treat bags stuffed with candy, activity books, safety tips and other goodies will be handed out to all kids who brave the haunted house.

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The man put the shirt on right away. He wasn't wearing a coat and needed something to keep him warm.

An earlier customer walked away with a candle after stating emphatically that cold weather wasn't going to keep her from the yard sale. "I'm looking for bargains and I got a Bow-Flex for \$150," she said before rushing off to see what the next garage contained.

Up the street a few houses, cadets of the Junction City High School Jr. ROTC "Blue Jay" battalion were helping people keep warm another way — selling hot cocoa, coffee, hot dogs and other snacks.

"We started at 6 a.m.," one of the cadets said, and insisted they had a lot of customers for cocoa not long after they opened for business. Cocoa and hot dogs had been their best sellers that morning, but they also were down to their last brownie.

The fundraiser had taken in more than \$75 by 10:30 a.m., another cadet reported.

Driving around post, casual shoppers could see serious shoppers with pickup beds loaded with the bargains they had found. One shopper even had a closed in trailer hitched behind his pickup.

The yard sale advertisements set 8 a.m. as the starting time, but many sellers were standing by as early as 7 a.m., because experience had shown them yard sale shoppers want to beat the rest of the crowd to the best items.

Spc. Chris Walters opened his garage door at 7 a.m., but on his lawn sat his boat and his 1966



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Spc. Chris Walters talks with a customer looking over items Walters offered for sale at the post-wide yard sale Oct. 21. Walters' items included a 1966 Mustang, which he sold to a banker, and the boat, which hadn't sold as of 11 a.m.

black Ford Mustang with "For Sale" signs on them.

At 7:30 a.m., a lady banker drove up, got out, walked up to Walters and said, "I want the car." Walters sold it, even though he said he really didn't like getting rid of the classic he had been working to restore.

Even with the "For Sale" sign taken off the car, "I could have sold it three more times today," he said, and it was only about 11 a.m.

He hadn't gotten any bites on the boat, but his original plans

were to get it cleaned up and winterized so he could store it in the post's recreational vehicle storage lot while he and his family move to an assignment in Germany in the near future.

Shuffling his feet and moving to keep warm, Walters said he was satisfied with the sale. "We made a lot of money," he said.

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Chaplains' coffeehouse success on post

Staff report

Thanks to the chaplains of 1st Infantry Division, freshly ground coffee and billiard tables, the opening night of The Higher Grounds Coffeehouse on post was a success with about 20 people in attendance.

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AFAP members brief commanders on post issues

By Anna Morelock
Staff writer

Dirty playgrounds and dining facility accessibility were just two of 17 issues presented to Fort Riley's command group Oct. 18 during the Army Family Action Plan out-briefing at Riley's Conference Center.

After two days of discussion, the Fort Riley AFAP group members presented their issues along with recommendations for resolving them.

Teen representative JaColby Adams stood at the meeting room podium and told the Commanding General, 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley, Maj. Gen. Carter Ham, Division Command Sgt. Maj. John Fourtman, Garrison Commander Col. Thomas Smith, and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Mathews about items such as socks, broken glass, condoms and animal feces found on playgrounds on post.

The group's recommendations: place trashcans on playgrounds, install lights so military police can see what's going on as they patrol at night, use fences to separate playgrounds from neighborhoods, establish opening and closing times, and post rules at park entrances.

William Wilhite briefed the command group and other AFAP members about accessibility to post dining facilities. Post policy doesn't allow family members and all Department of Defense civilians access to the facilities. Wilhite told the group, further explaining that wider access would increase Soldier and family morale and enhance family involvement in the military community.

Ham shared with the group that the Main Post Dining Facility is now open to families on Saturdays and Sundays. While Smith added that the leaders would see how that went, but the unpredictability in the number of family members eating at the facilities was an obstacle to opening more facilities to family members.

After the 17 issues were briefed and discussed among group members, Ham said "the question is now where do we go from here?"

It's easy to give a pat on the back for a job well done in identifying the issues and then go back to business as usual, he said. "I don't want to do that."

Some of the issues will be resolved locally and some will be forwarded on to Forces Command and eventually the Department of Defense if necessary.

"We've all been down this path before and we know that sometimes we're going to get answers that we like and we get resolution that we like," Ham said about the group's concerns. "Sometimes we're going to get stuff that we don't like. We've all been told 'no' before and some of that's going to happen."

Ham told the group that what he owed them was feedback on the issues presented. "I'll tell you right now," he said, "some of the feedback you're not going to like because some of the feedback is 'great idea, we're not going to do it.' That's just reality. Some of it

Issues pinpointed by the AFAP groups were:

Mandatory rest and recreation for Soldiers in combat areas: Due to operational tempo, Soldiers are experiencing longer and multiple deployments to combat areas, which take a serious toll on physical and mental readiness for combat. Mandatory R&R would enable all Soldiers to take leave without negatively impacting their leave balance or forcing Soldiers to choose between leave while in combat or upon returning home.

The group recommended that the Army change regulations to implement a mandatory 14-day R&R policy for all Soldiers deployed to combat areas and amend regulations to provide for 14-days of permissive TDY to be used for that mandatory TDY.

Increased dwell time for Soldiers between deployments: Multiple deployments and not enough time back home is causing a myriad of issues for Soldiers and their families. This is evidenced by the fact that divorce rates are increasing and families are being torn apart. Soldiers are not given the opportunity to manage their affairs, leading to an increase in financial mismanagement, increased suicide rates, low morale and decreased retention rates.

The group recommended the implementation of home station stabilization of at least one day dwell time for each day a Soldier was deployed.

Soldiers need increased internet access and computer availability on Fort Riley: Soldiers only have access to 10 computers at the post Internet Cafe and two at the post Library, the performance of which are unreliable and slow. Computer availability is limited by the number of computers, hours of operation and location of computers. As part of the digital Army, Soldiers require access to computers and the Internet for various reasons such as education opportunities, upkeep of personal business (familial communication, online banking, etc.) and maintaining military and professional documents.

The group recommended installing more computers, establishing more computer locations, increasing location hours and upgrading existing computers for better performance.

Privately owned vehicle storage for deployed Soldiers: The POVs of deployed Soldiers are currently stored exposed to the elements outside. This results in property damage due to lack of maintenance, natural

elements, and criminal activity. In comparison, Soldiers with hardship assignments are provided or reimbursed for professional storage of vehicles.

The group recommended that the same service currently provided to Soldiers assigned to hardship tours be provided to deploying soldiers and that an enclosed storage facility be provided on post.

Blocked sidewalks in family housing areas: Family housing residents have driveways that intersect with sidewalks. Some vehicles fill the driveway so that persons using the sidewalk cannot continue along without having to maneuver around vehicles. Often, this causes people to travel into the roadway, creating a safety hazard, especially for children and people with disabilities.

The group recommended that the housing authority provide parking guidance to residents, provide alternate parking for large vehicles and create a regulation prohibiting blocking sidewalks.

Military spouse preference for spouses of retirees: Qualifying spouses of active duty servicemen are eligible for the spouse preference program. This benefit is not extended to spouses of retired service members. This can create a disadvantage for those spouses who are moving to retirement locations but wish to continue federal service employment.

The group recommended that the spousal preference program be expanded to include spouses of retirees.

Expand Fort Riley newcomer orientation: There is a lack of knowledge of post resources and resource locations by incoming Soldiers and families causing resources to be under-utilized. This situation causes undue stress and financial hardship and impedes soldier readiness.

The group recommended that an addition post orientation day be added to in-processing for Soldier and spouses to include a post tour, free childcare and lunch. The group also recommended that families be provided with a binder including post maps, phone numbers, services divided by directorate, and information on Army and local lodging.

Upon receipt of orders, the group suggested a digital SITES packet of newcomer information be automatically sent to Soldiers including a link to the Fort Riley Newcomers Web site.

Lending Closet expansion: The Lending Closet is limited

each day, a place that Soldiers and families want to be.

While in Washington, D.C. a couple of weeks ago, Ham said people kept telling him that Fort Riley is the best kept secret in the

AFAP issues

by its current space. There is a need for additional temporary household items and furniture. Soldiers leaving post do not have an avenue to donate unneeded items that can be used by incoming Soldiers and families. Also, when incoming Soldiers buy duplicate items for temporary use, it causes unnecessary expense.

The group recommended that the Lending Closet be given additional space for an expanded inventory and that Soldiers leaving post be allowed to donate usable household items.

Education Center accessibility: Current education center business hours limit accessibility of services to soldiers. The center is closed after duty hours and on weekends, and Soldiers desiring to further their education are normally unable to visit the education center during duty hours. This results in frustration and delays the opportunity for continuing education.

The group recommended that counselors be available at least one weeknight and one weekend morning. They recommended the expansion of the Education Expo to a quarterly event during off-duty hours to coincide with academic calendars. Advertising for education services should be put in high-traffic areas such as the Post Exchange, gyms, and barracks.

Military community dining facility accessibility: Fort Riley policy does not permit family members and Department of Defense ID card holders to utilize DFACs. Access would increase Soldier and family morale and enhance family involvement in the military community.

The group recommended the installation commander authorize use of all dining facilities for all meals at all times.

Information distribution throughout the community: Multiple community events occur on post of which people are unaware. If information was put out more effectively, these activities would have more participation resulting in improved future events. The quality of Fort Riley would be enhanced by the dissemination of information.

The group recommended the commanding general require community information to be put out and mandate feed back from leaders, similar to alert procedures. They also suggested putting out information packets in in-processing and improving current systems of distribution.

Recreational activity growth: There is a limited variety of recreational activities on post making it difficult for Soldiers and families to foster a sense of community. Increasing community input will enhance the quality and quantity of activities held on post.

The group recommended a larger variety of activities, surveys at in-processing, quarterly focus groups for activities and brigade contacts.



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Brain V. Mansur, a spokesman for one of the Army Family Action Plan groups discusses the issue of Education Center accessibility during the AFAP out-brief Oct. 18 at Riley's Conference Center. The groups briefed 17 issues to Fort Riley's command group.

Theft at Fort Riley Middle School: Repeated thefts at the school concern teachers and students. Crimes occur in the lockers, classrooms and the bike racks resulting in a lack of availability of supplies in classrooms. Repeated thefts cause a lack of trust and fear in the school.

The group recommended installing cameras facing the bike racks, enforcing strict punishments for theft and establishing better supervision during passing periods.

Inadequate size of Fort Riley Library: Currently the post library is too small and there is no room to expand. Book choices are limited for everyone and as a result, people do not go to libraries off post.

The group recommended that the current library be expanded or relocated and that some books be rearranged, removed or replaced with a better variety.

Teen welcome packets: Fort Riley needs to develop and send out welcome packets for teens moving to this area. The packet would better prepare teens and inform them of what is available.

Playground cleanliness: The parks in Fort Riley housing areas are not safe due to uncleanness and lack of maintenance. Items such as socks, glass, condoms, poop from animals and cigarette butts have been found on playgrounds. Maintenance is also a major complaint. There are sand spurs and weeds growing everywhere causing an unsafe environment.

The group recommended that opening and closing times be established, lights added, fences placed around parks, and a lists of rules posted at park entrances.

Lack of teen news: Fort Riley's TV channel keeps youth from being informed of events they can be involved in, such as games, dances and sports. The absence of information minimizes participation of teens willing to make a difference throughout the Fort Riley community.

The group recommended that a teen news section be provided in the post newspaper to include a calendar of events, sports, editorials and other teen reports. They also suggested a round table for teens to express their opinions and support.

at the AFAP meeting. Those issues that can't be resolved at Fort Riley will be sent on to higher levels for resolution.

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nizations working for veterans or available for veterans' use.

Williamson said he was pleased with the turnout. Many of those attending said they had learned about the day by reading the local retiree newsletter or the Army's retiree publication, Echoes.

Several people traveled from homes in Nebraska to attend the event.

Connie Protsman traveled that far. She attended last year and that prompted her to consider returning this year. She seemed pleased she made the trip.

The reason, she said, was that a lot more information was being put out by speakers, by clinical services and by other organizations compared to last year.

She and her husband were stationed at Fort Riley twice while he was in the service, Protsman said. "The post has changes so much in the past 20 years," she said. Her husband served with the 3rd Battalion, 67th Armor, 1st Infantry Division, the last time he was stationed at Fort Riley.

Lazone Grays said he never misses a RAD, even though he

knows a lot about what is happening at Fort Riley. He retired in 1962 and lives in Manhattan, Kan.

The amount of construction being done on post and in surrounding areas impresses Grays the most, he said. "There have been a heck of a lot of changes on post. I'm seeing a lot of changes in the surrounding area, too."

One of the primary reasons Grays attends the RAD each year is to be updated on legislation that affects veterans benefits, he said. In that regard, he said Matz presented a lot of valuable information for retirees.

"It's good to be updated every year and keep current," he said.

Charles Pfannenstiel and his wife have attended the RAD each of the past five years, but Charles said this year's health fair impressed him the most. "They even have doctors here to answer questions," he explained.

The health fair, conducted primarily by IACH and the Dental Activity on post, included flu shots, dental screenings, foot screenings and blood sugar tests. Tables also provided information

on nutrition, gynecology, podia-

Pfc. Jazzlyn Castro of the 601st Aviation Support Battalion, gives retired Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Dokken of Junction City, Kan., a flu shot during Retiree Appreciation Day Oct. 20.
Post/Heronemus



try, social work services, environmental health, occupational health, organ and tissue donation, cancer awareness, public health nursing and the Geary County Health Department, among others.

In an adjoining room, the County Fair portion of the day offered information about the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Kansas Commission on Veter-

ans Affairs, education opportunities on post and in the area, Konza Prairie Health Center, Disabled American Veterans, Social Security Administration, legal assistance at the post's Staff Judge Advocate's Office, the Manhattan Workforce Center, the Small Business Administration and Information, Ticketing and Registration on post, as well as others.

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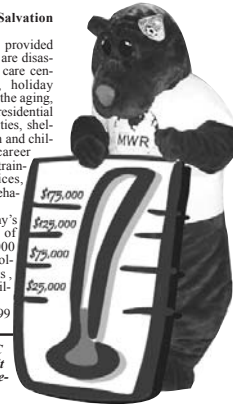
The Manhattan Salvation Army (code 5219)

Among the services provided by the Salvation Army are disaster relief services, day care centers, summer camps, holiday assistance, services for the aging, AIDS education and residential services, medical facilities, shelters for battered women and children, family and career counseling, vocational training, correction services, and substance abuse rehabilitation.

The Salvation Army's membership consists of 3,500 officers, 60,000 employees, 113,000 soldiers, 430,000 adherents, and more than 3.5 million volunteers.

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America's Warfighting Center

Friday, October 27, 2006

Leisure time ideas

At the movies:

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children 11 and under. Children under the age of 5 are free except during children's matinees or expected sell-outs.

Oct. 27 — Gridiron Gang, PG-13, 120 min.

Oct. 28 — The Black Dahlia, R, 121 min.

Oct. 29 — The Covenant, PG-13, 97 min.

For more information, call 239-9574.

ITR helps plan get-aways

The Information, Ticketing and Registration office in Building 6918 at Fort Riley has lots of travel information and the staff can help set up brief trips and longer vacations. For more information on these and other trips call 239-5614 or 239-4415.

Here's a sampling of what ITR has to offer:

Great Get-a-Way Tour, Nov. 12 — Join ITR to see "Over the River & Through the Woods" starring Marion Ross from "Happy Days" at the New Theatre in Overland Park. Love of family, especially eccentric grandparents, is at the heart of this wonderfully warm, exceptionally funny comedy. Cost of \$50 includes coach bus transportation and dinner theatre admission. Seats are limited so make reservations early.

Rolling Hills Zoo — Located amidst the rolling hills of western Saline County, this section of Kansas prairie has been transformed into a beautifully landscaped zoological park. More than 85 species of animals are on exhibit. Discount tickets are now available through ITR.

Silver Dollar City — Childhood dreams come to life at Silver Dollar City with adventures beyond your wildest imagination. Buy your adult ticket and get a child's ticket free. Let ITR put together a weekend get-a-way to Branson, Mo. Numerous discounted show tickets and hotel accommodations.

Six Flags Over Texas — It's the largest expansion in Six Flags Over Texas history with 10 exciting new family attractions scattered throughout the park. For only \$15 for the Fall Holiday Spectacular you can enjoy "The Best of Texas Festival" in September or "Fright Fest" in October.

Six Flags St. Louis — Enjoy the new family section "Bugs Bunny National Park," which consists of eight rides, a tree house play structure, an interactive fountain and a new restaurant. This exciting and unique section is designed to give families a place to stay and play together. The extreme thrill ride "Superman Tower of Power" riders are carried up and suspended, feet dangling in the open air, to the top of a 230-foot tower. Military discounted tickets are \$28. Purchase an adult ticket and get a child's ticket (4-11) free.

Wamego:

What: "Columbian Christmas." Annual Christmas musical production.

When: Dec. 1-3, 7-10 and 14-17.

Where: Columbian Theatre, 521 Lincoln Ave.

Phone: (800) 456-2029

Web site: www.columbiantheatre.com

Tibetan monks bring tour to JC

By Anna Staatz

For The Daily Union

The colors are bright and varied. The sound is amazing. The program is unique. On Nov. 2, it will arrive in Junction City.

The Mystical Arts of Tibet tour will run Nov. 2-5 at the Junction City Municipal Building, Seventh and Jefferson Streets. The program is carried out by monks from the Drepung Loseling Monastery.

Monks from the monastery, which was re-established in exile in India, take a 15-month leave from their life's devotion to contemplation and dedication to complete the tour. At the end of each tour, the monks return to the monastery.

The tour consists of two parts: A mandala sand painting exhibition and the Sacred Music Sacred Dance performance.

The Mystical Arts of Tibet tour will arrive in Junction City on Nov. 2 with an opening ceremony at noon that day.

The monks will begin work on the sand mandala following the ceremony. The mandala is a mosaic-style painting made of sand. It measures four feet by four feet and takes three to four days to complete.

The word "mandala" means sacred cosmogram, according to an information packet about the tour.

The mandalas are used as tools for consecration and healing of the earth and its inhabitants. Mandalas have outer, inner and secret meanings. On the outer level, they represent the world in its divine form. The inner level represents a map by which the ordinary mind is transformed into the enlightened mind. On the secret level, it depicts the balance of the energies in the body and the clear light dimension of the mind.

The sand painting is said to bring about purification and healing on all three levels, according to the information packet.

Viewings of the monks working on the mandala are free. Visitors may stop at the Municipal Building from noon to 7 p.m. Nov. 2, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 3, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 4 and noon to 2 p.m. Nov. 5. During the closing ceremony at 3 p.m. Nov. 5, the mandala is disassembled to signify the impermanence of all that exists.

Visitors will also have a chance to try their hand at community sand painting. Gail Parsons,



The Mystical Arts of Tibet Sacred Music Sacred Dance performance lasts about two hours and includes nine different dance, musical and vocal segments. Each segment has a different meaning and purpose.

director of the Junction City Arts Council, said the community sand painting will be the city logo. Information about how to work on the mandala will be available on site. Hours to work on the community painting will be the same as those to view the monks working on their mandala.

The Sacred Music Sacred Dance performance will be 8 p.m. Nov. 4 at the Municipal Building. Tickets for the performance are \$20 and may be purchased at the Municipal Building, the Geary County Clerk's Office and the Junction City Arts Council Gallery.

The Sacred Music Sacred Dance performance lasts about two hours and includes nine different dance, musical and vocal segments. Each segment has a different meaning and purpose.

According to the information packet, whenever a musical festival in Tibet celebrated a spiritual festival, people from the surrounding area would come to the

monastery's courtyard for three to four days of music and dance. The tour is designed as a development of this historic tradition.

The monks are particularly well-known for their multi-phonetic chanting, which means each chantmaster can simultaneously intone three notes, creating a complete chord.

The music and dance performances have been hosted at such venues as Carnegie Hall and the Lincoln Center. They have shared the stage with other music artists, including Paul Simon, Sheryl Crow, the Beastie Boys and Mickey Hart of the Grateful Dead.

For more information, call Parsons at 762-2581.

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Monks from the Mystical Arts of Tibet tour work to complete a sand mandala. The mandala is a mosaic-style painting made of sand that measures four feet by four feet and takes three to four days to complete.

Contemporary photo exhibit on display

Salina Project shows off images of 'home'

By Katie Allen

Arts Council

ABILENE, Kan. — The Fashion Museum and the Arts Council of Dickinson County will present The Salina Project, a photographic exhibit by Les Slesnick of Orlando, Fla., through Dec. 31. Slesnick's body of work exposes the bare essence of household furnishings and memorabilia with a touch of emotion, making the viewer feel almost right at home on the sofa, in the living room or amid the family portraits of a stranger. Through their vivid and natural colors, the photos almost speak of a familiar identity.

This exhibit is the culmination of a year-long Salina photo residency project that honors and celebrates the 30th anniversary of the Smoky Hill River Festival with a glimpse behind the doors of the community. The result is a series of photographic images reflecting Salina and the Midwest's universal sense of place

and being.

"The first time I came to Salina, in 2003, to exhibit at the River Festival, I knew Salina could make a marvelous project," Slesnick said. "After meeting some of the townspeople, both older and younger, during a trip to Salina this past February, I can tell you there is something special about this town and absolutely something very special about the people who make up the fabric of this city."

The Salina Project is a commemorative milestone reflecting

Salina's universal sense of place and being, while celebrating the cultures and values that make up the heart of the community. Personal spaces, individual faces, family photographs, mirrors and mementoes and inherited or selected objects communicate individual and collective histories, inspiring similar across cultures and neighborhoods. Viewers see many walks of life and many backgrounds, collectively the culture and traditions that shape a way of life.

'Wrap it up' art sale to open in Manhattan

Manhattan Arts Center

The exhibit and sale will be open to the public weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m.

The week before Christmas, the exhibit and sale will be open extended hours in the evening.

The Manhattan Arts Center is located at 1520 Poyntz Ave., is handicapped-accessible and parking is free. This year, members of the Manhattan Arts Center will receive a 10 percent discount off their total purchase at a special "early bird" reception Nov. 4 from 3 to 5 p.m.

The Manhattan Arts Center will include pottery, etchings, paintings, photography, fiber art, wood work and more. Thirty percent of sales from the exhibit will benefit the Manhattan Arts Center.

The show offers a large selection of original artwork priced under \$100.

More info:

MAC memberships will be available for purchase at the door. All Manhattan Arts Center memberships are tax deductible and begin at \$25 for adults and \$10 for students. For more information on membership benefits, please visit the MAC web site at www.manhattanarts.org or call 537-4420.

For more information on this and other events at the Manhattan Arts Center, visit its Web site at www.manhattanarts.org.



Leisure time ideas

Manhattan:

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What: SPOOKtacular. Celebrate Halloween at the Sunset Zoo and trick o' treat with the animals.

When: Oct. 28-29

Where: 2333 Oak St, Sunset Zoo

Phone: (785) 587-2737

Web site: <http://www.sunset-zoo.com>

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What: Boo Party. Join in on the Halloween fun. Trick or treat around the mall, get your face painted, and enjoy all of the Halloween costumes and festivities.

When: Oct. 31

Where: Manhattan Town Center Mall

Phone: (785) 539-3500

Web site:

<http://www.manhattantown-center.com>

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What: "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten." Music and lyrics by David Caldwell

When: Nov. 10-12 and 16-19

Where: Manhattan Arts Center, 1520 Poyntz Ave.

Tickets: \$9 to \$16

Phone: (785) 537-4420

Web site: www.manhattanarts.org

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What: Jupiter String Quartet. This Boston-based quartet has performed to critical acclaim across the United States and abroad. They recently captured first prize in the prestigious 8th Banff International String Quartet Competition, as well as the Szekely prize for best performance of a Beethoven quartet.

When: 7:30 p.m. Nov. 17

Where: McCain Auditorium, Kansas State University

Tickets: Public \$20, students and children \$10, military, seniors and faculty \$18.

Phone: (785) 532-6428

Web site: www.ksu.edu

What: "The Hollywood Nutcracker." A funny, sophisticated, joie de vivre version of the quintessential holiday treat that is wholesome enough for 3-year-olds. Choreographer Rodney Gustafson holds true to tradition and classical ballet while drawing inspiration from 1930's Hollywood – the time of Garbo and Grable, Swanson and Cagney – and brings all the elements of the beloved story to life with wit and style as a silver screen spectacular.

When: 7:30 p.m. Dec. 1

Where: McCain Auditorium, Kansas State University

Tickets: Public \$24-\$28, students and children \$12 to \$14, military, seniors and faculty \$22 to \$26.

Phone: (785) 532-6428

Web site:

www.ksu.edu/mccain

Topeka:

What: Haunted History. A spooky Halloween event at the Museum featuring scary stories around a bonfire, costumed interpreters, and spooky flashlight tours of the gallery.

When: 5 to 8 p.m., Oct. 29

Where: 6425 SW Sixth Ave, Kansas History Museum

Admission: Guided tours are \$3 per person, children 5 and under are free.

Phone: (785) 272-8681

Web site: <http://www.ksks.org>

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What: Tricks and Treats at the Boo-seum. This fun Halloween event especially for children includes cookie and mask decorating, photographs, and costumed interpreters.

When: 1 to 5 p.m., Oct. 31

Where: 6425 SW Sixth Ave, Kansas History Museum

Admission: Free

Phone: (785) 272-8681

Web site: <http://www.ksks.org>

African Children's Choir to perform, raise awareness, support in Kansas

Special to the Post

The internationally acclaimed African Children's Choir will perform at Clay Center Community High School at 7:00 p.m. Nov. 3 and at the Junction City First United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m. Nov. 8.

The African Children's Choir is comprised of 25 children, ages 7 to 11. Many have lost one or both parents to AIDS or extreme poverty.

Through their concerts they raise support and awareness for themselves and more than 12 million orphans in Africa.

Since its inception 22 years ago the African Children's Choir has established schools and provided educational scholarships in Uganda, Rwanda, Kenya, Sudan, Nigeria, Ghana and South Africa.

The choir is currently providing an education for more than 6,700 children from primary school through university or trade school.

"Our organization recognized early on that education was the key to long-term change and advancement in Africa and made it our primary focus," said Ray Barnett, founder of the African Children's Choir. "Twenty two years later, we are beginning to see the impact. The children who participated in our first choirs and benefited from the educational support we provided them have come full circle and are now, themselves, working to create a new Africa."



Concerts include a selection of well loved children's songs and lively spirituals. The members in this choir are from Uganda and range in age from 7 to 11 years old.

Courtesy photo

If you go:

What: African Children's Choir

When: 7 p.m., Nov. 3

Where: Clay Center Community High School, 1630 9th St., Clay Center

Phone: (785) 632-3823

When: 7 p.m., Nov. 8

Where: First United Methodist Church, 804 N. Jefferson St., Junction City

Phone: (785) 238-2156

Former choir members – many of them orphans who spent their early days scavenging for food and water – have become leaders in their communities.

Some have become doctors,

teachers, social workers and engineers. Several now work with Music for Life, the choir's parent organization, to help carry out the choir's mission, Barnett said.

In addition to education efforts,

the choir finances numerous relief and development projects throughout Africa, with current emphasis on the AIDS-devastated Komazi region of South Africa and war-torn Sudan.

Concerts are free and open to the public. The audience is treated to traditional African dances, lively spirituals and well-loved gospel and children's songs.

A free-will offering is taken at the performance to support African Children's Choir education, care and relief, and development programs.

For more information on the African Children's Choir and a program overview, www.african-childrenschoir.com.

K-State presents 'Tartuffe' at McCain Auditorium

Kansas State University

Kansas State University Theater and the department of music will present the classic Moliere comedy, "Tartuffe," at 8 p.m. Nov. 2-4 in McCain Auditorium.

The play revolves around the devious Tartuffe, a fraudulent religious figure, who deceives his way into the home of the wealthy

landowner Orgon.

Tartuffe succeeds in winning the respect and devotion of the head of the house, but then tries to marry Orgon's daughter, seduce his wife and steal the deed to his property.

Written in the 18th century, "Tartuffe" still has relevance to the modern world as Moliere examines the evil that man can

commit in the guise of religious fervor and the dangers that face those who believe only what they choose to believe despite a mountain of evidence to the contrary.

Tickets are \$8 for K-State students, \$11 for military and \$13 for the general public. This performance is not intended for children.

To order tickets, call 532-6428

or visit the McCain box office from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays or go online to <http://www.k-state.edu/scd>

Tickets also are available from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. weekdays at the K-State Student Union's Little Theatre box office. For group discounts call Marci Maullar at 785-532-6878.

